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## Our Units

## 305th Air Mobility Wing Staff Agencies

#### **305th Comptroller Squadron**

he 305th Comptroller Squadron's mission encompasses not only the McGuire community, but also more than 30 geographically separated units, the local Air Force Reserve unit –514th Air Mobility Wing, and the New Jersey Air National Guard. The comptroller's office is composed of three offices: financial services, financial analysis and the Defense Accounting Office.

The financial services office has three sections – military pay, travel pay and accounting liaison, located in the downstairs customer service area of the comptroller building, Bldg. 2906. All members receive briefings from one or both sections during every permanent change of station, temporary duty assignment and mobility or contingency deployment. The military pay staff processes all documents affecting pay, from Basic Allowance for Quarters and Basic Allowance for Subsistence to flight pay and separation/retirement pay. Civilian and military members file their travel vouchers with the travel section, whose volume consistently exceeds 6,000 vouchers a month – the highest in Air Mobility Command.

The financial analysis office manages the budget for the wing and several tenant organizations. Its members work with the resource advisers from every unit to assure the accurate spending of Air Force funds allocated to McGuire. They also prepare economic analysis on all military construction projects and other activities to ensure project funding is spent in the most economically sound fashion.

One of the most important functions of the financial analysis office is the preparation of the annual wing financial plan. This plan outlines all funding required to operate the wing for the upcoming fiscal year.

Since December 1992, many of the accounting functions of the Department of Defense service were combined under the Defense Finance and Accounting Service. The Defense Accounting Office reports directly to the DFAS-Denver Cen-

ter as a component of the Department of Defense. DFAS is responsible for accounting functions such as payments to vendors for purchase of supplies, equipment or services, civilian payroll, and financial reporting. The most visible part of DFAS is the cashier's cage, where members receive payment.











The organization is composed of approximately 100 members, of which approximately 65 are military members. The comptroller is the chief financial officer and adviser to the wing commander. Customer service hours are 8 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The office closes at 1 p.m. on Wednesdays.

#### **Command Post**

The command post serves as the single agency for the conduct of command and control activities at McGuire. The command post also serves as the nerve center from which the wing commander monitors and manages the readiness and response of the wing. Highly trained members, who use state-of-the-art equipment staff the McGuire command post, located in Bldg. 1730. For more information, call (609) 754-3935.

#### **Manpower and Organization**

Manpower and Organization is located in wing headquarters, Bldg. 2901. It is a wing staff agency tasked with providing manpower-related services to all wing organizations. These services are also provided to 21st Air Force; Air Mobility Warfare

Center; Air Mobility Command units at Pope AFB, N.C., and Howard AB, Panama; and the 621st Air Mobility Operations Group.

Members provide management consulting and analysis; organizational development and structure; manpower requirement definition and validation for peacetime, wartime and support agreements; manpower contingency planning and resource augmentation duty; civilian position management; Air Force suggestion program; and base level manpower data system services.

#### Plans, Programs and Deployment

Located on the first floor of the wing headquarters building, this wing staff agency is responsible for planning the coordination of all McGuire emergency, contingency and wartime actions, including tenant and other supported units. Staff members also maintain the facility and procedures for the wing commander's crisis action team, from which the execution of crisis response actions are directed. The installation deployment officer directs the planning, coordination, and execution of all peacetime and wartime deployment operations for all base organizations, through the deployment control center. Affected units include: 305th Air Mobility Wing, 514th Air Mobility Wing (Air Force Reserve), 108th Air Refueling Wing (New Jersey Air National Guard), Head-quarters 21st Air Force 621st Air Mobility Operations Group, and numerous tenant organizations.

Deployment Control Center members are responsible for arranging air and surface transportation for deploying personnel and equipment. The Installation Deployment Office is the primary adviser to the wing commander on all deployment and logistics plans issues in support of war plans. The IDO also supports more than 100 Department of Defense deploying units, totaling more than 57,000 people and 3,500 tons of equipment. Staff members have two other major responsibilities. The agreements section members are responsible for negotiation, coordination, preparation and revision of more than 70 support agreements and memoranda of understanding worth many millions of dollars. They are also responsible for the budgeting and renewal of four overseas service contracts worth more than \$2.5 million. Finally, the office manages the wing's \$56 million War Reserve Materiel program, ensuring assets are acquired, stored, and maintained in a serviceable condition.

### Staff Judge Advocate

McGuire's law center provides legal assistance on personal civil legal matters. Assistance is available by appointment. Notary public services are available 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Emergency service in any of the areas is always available.

The law center also handles the processing of household goods and baggage claims. Staff members hold the claims briefing 9 a.m. each Tuesday. Claims services are available by appointment only.

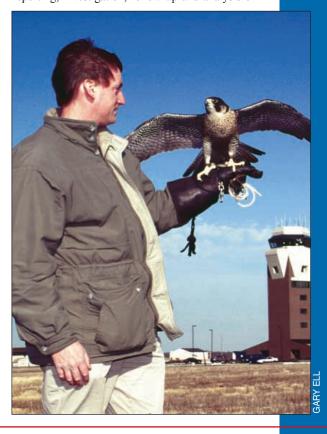
The law center is on the first floor of Bldg. 2901. For more information or to make an appointment, call (609) 754-4601, DSN 650-4601.

#### **Social Actions**

The wing social actions staff provides commanders and assigned members advice on equal opportunity and treatment and human relations education. The office, located in Bldg. 2601, conducts key briefings, first duty station orientation, unit climate assessments, sexual harassment and discrimination briefings, and clarifications for discrimination complaints based on race, color, age, sex, national origin and religion. The staff encourages all members to use their chain of command first to remedy complaints, but this is not mandatory. Staff members also provide assistance and referrals for members with non-discrimination issues. For more information or assistance, call (609) 754-4672/4958, DSN 650-4672/4958.

#### Safety

Wing safety provides advice and assistance to the commander on all safety-related matters. Safety staff members devise safety objectives, policies and programs, while directing and monitoring activities relating to safety issues involving weapons, explosive, ground, industrial, traffic and flight operations. The safety office also provides reporting, investigation, follow-up and analysis of





mishaps, incidents, deficiencies and hazards. Safety members coordinate on many work order requests, especially those involving excavation and construction projects, and are available to investigate any hazardous condition 24 hours a day. For more information, call (609) 754-2711, DSN 650-2711.

#### **Public Affairs**

The award-winning Public Affairs office, located in Room 222 of Bldg. 2901, keeps the entire community in the know. From producing the weekly editions of the base newspaper and updating the base TV channel to fielding questions from area



news agencies and reaching out to educate the community through base tours and speaking programs, PA specialists serve as a link between the military and surrounding community. The McGuire PA office was named "Best in the Air Force" 1998 and "Best in AMC" in 1999. The office divides its mission into three sections – internal communication, media relations and community relations.

The internal communication section's most important job is writing, designing and editing the base newspaper, Airtides – named "Best in the Air Force" in 1997. More than 15,000 active-duty, reserve, guard and family members read Airtides each week.

The media relations section is the most visible part of the PA mission, as the local-area news media representatives hail from New York City and Philadelphia, two of the five largest cities in the United States, in the most densely-populated region in the country. The McGuire media relations program was named "Best in the Air Force" in 1997 and 1998.

With enormous C-141 Starlifters, KC-10 Extenders and KC-135 Stratotankers flying over nearby homes at all hours, community relations is vital to keeping the peace with the base's neighbors. Staff members plan and conduct base tours while coordinating speaking events for an allvolunteer speakers bureau program aimed at educating citizens on the importance, technology and readiness of today's Air Force. Members also respond to noise complaints from concerned citizens, coordinate civic leader tours and represent the base at community events including local chamber of commerce meetings.

To volunteer for the speaker's bureau or to be a tour guide, call the PA staff at (609) 754-2104, DSN 650-2104.

## **305th Operations Group**

The mission of the 305th Operations Group is to provide responsive, combat-ready airlift and operational support from America's Eastern Gateway to the world. All active-duty members and civilian employees and their families are a part of a proud team dedicated to accomplishing this task. The group is comprised of the 2nd Air Refueling Squadron, 6th Airlift Squadron, 32nd Air Refueling Squadron, 305th Aerial Port Squadron and the 305th Operations Support Squadron.

Activated in March 1942 as the 305th Bombardment Group, the unit trained in Utah, Washington and California for overseas duty with B-17 heavy bombers. The unit moved to England and began combat operations over Europe in November 1942. On Jan. 27, 1943, the group participated in Eighth Air Force's first raid on Germany. It attacked naval targets, factories, harbors, marshaling yards and industrial targets in Germany, France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Norway in 1943 and 1944.

The group earned two Distinguished Unit Citations, one for a mission on April 4, 1943 to Paris, France and another for a mission on Jan. 11, 1944 against aircraft factories in central Germany. In February and April 1944, two pilots of the group earned Medals of Honor for flying their crippled B-17s back to England despite being wounded.



The 305th Bombardment Group bombed German anti-aircraft batteries in September 1944 to cover the allied airborne invasion of the Netherlands. In December 1944 and January 1945, it participated in the Battle of the Bulge by striking enemy positions in the Ardennes Forest. The group also supported the allied airborne assault across the Rhine River in March 1945. On April 25, 1945, the group flew its final combat mission of the war. On Christmas 1946, the group was inactivated.

The 305th Bombardment Group was not operational during brief periods of activation as a B-29 unit between July 1947 and September 1948, and between January 1951 and June 1952. After redesignation as the 305th Operations Group, the organization activated on Sept. 1, 1991 at Grissom AFB, Ind. During the group's stay at Grissom, aircrews flew the KC-135 Stratotanker from Sept. 1, 1991 to Aug. 15, 1993.

The group then inactivated on Oct. 15, 1993 as part of the installation's closure. On Aug. 30, 1994, Headquarters Air Mobility Command directed the activation of the 305th Operations Group and assigned the unit to McGuire, effective Oct. 1, 1994. The group now flies the C-141 Starlifter and KC-10 Extender in support of worldwide operations.

#### **305th Aerial Port Squadron**

The 305th Aerial Port Squadron, formerly the 438th Aerial Port Squadron, was activated on Dec. 27, 1965. The squadron's approximately 280 members provide quality passenger and cargo service, both on and off station, along with aerial delivery support to sustain national goals and initiatives. The squadron is comprised of eight flights: traffic management, resources and mobility, air terminal operations, data records, air freight, air passenger, fleet service, and aerial delivery. The squadron members also manage a detachment at Baltimore-Washington International Airport.

The traffic management flight staff provides travel arrangements for all official-duty travelers, transportation of household goods and unaccompanied baggage, and also handles all surface freight transactions.

The resources and mobility flight members are responsible for military and civilian personnel management, squadron budget, and deployable mission readiness.

The air terminal operations, air freight, air passenger and fleet services flight members ensure timely movement of cargo, passengers, and mail. The freight terminal processes approximately 20,100 tons of cargo annually. The passenger terminal assists approximately 30,000 passengers each year. The fleet services section provides



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service to all military and commercial aircraft stationed at or transiting McGuire.

The data records flight staff prepares, collects, and reports statistical data, pertaining to all airlifts for McGuire and six off-site stations, to the Transportation Working Capital Fund for proper billing. The flight staff is also charged with maintaining the consolidated aerial port subsystem computer system.

The aerial delivery flight members, officially activated Feb. 1, 1994, provide realistic airdrop training for McGuire.

Based at Baltimore-Washington International Airport, Maryland, the members of Detachment 1 handle more than 250,000 Department of Defense passengers annually on commercial-contracted aircraft. Its people also formulate and implement procedures relating to the inspection, handling and documentation for more than 1,300 commercially contracted aircraft destined for Southwest Asia, the Mediterranean and Europe each year.

It's no wonder the Aerial Port motto is "On our shoulders rests mission success."

#### 2nd Air Refueling Squadron

The 2nd Air Refueling Squadron arrived at McGuire AFB on Oct. 1, 1994 as part of the realignment of KC-10 aircraft. The KC-10 Extender is a major contributor to Air Mobility Command's success. Equally as impressive are the many crewmembers who skillfully use this equipment to successfully accomplish the most challenging mobility missions of our time. The squadron is proud of its history and is eagerly looking forward to the future.

Initially organized as the 2nd Aero Squadron in 1915, it was based in San Diego and the Philippines. In 1917, it was re-designated as Squadron A at Kelly Field, Texas. There it served as a flying training unit. A year later, it was demobilized. In 1918, the squadron was reorganized as the 2nd Aero Squadron (Observation) and in 1924, it was moved and consolidated to create the 2nd Observation Squadron, once again assigned to the Philippine Islands. Japanese attacks destroyed its aircraft and forced its surviving members to be absorbed by other units. It was carried as an active unit without personnel until after World War II,

when the squadron was inactivated. The 2nd Air Refueling Squadron first appeared at Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz. in 1949. This marked its beginning as a refueling squadron using the KB-29. Following a move to Chatham AFB (Hunter Field), Ga., the squadron underwent a reorganization in 1953 and converted to the KC-97. While there, the 2nd Air Refueling Squadron became part of the 2nd Bombardment Wing. In the 1950s, the squadron deployed overseas to England and Morocco on numerous occasions. When the 2nd Bomb Wing moved to Barksdale AFB, La. in 1963, the squadron was once again inactivated.

The squadron was reactivated to fly the KC-10 Extender at Barksdale AFB, La., in January 1989 under the 2nd Bombardment Wing. As of June 1, 1992, realignment challenged the squadron with worldwide mobility taskings under Air Mobility Command. As a proud member of the 458th Operations Group, the 2nd Air Refueling squadron distinguished itself in operations such as Southern Watch, Restore Hope, Provide Comfort, and was declared Air Mobility Command's Outstanding Air Refueling Squadron for 1992. Mid-1994 brought even greater challenges. Operations



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Provide Hope, Uphold Democracy, and Vigilant Warrior all came during the squadron's move to its new home at McGuire AFB. Since its arrival at McGuire, the 2nd continues to remain on the leading edge of global mobility. Recent operations include Allied Force and Desert Fox.

Today the 2nd ARS continues to remain ready to provide the United States with the Global Reach necessary to support our national security objectives, while placing an increased emphasis on family and fun for all squadron members. The almost 200 members of the 2nd are united in their commitment to the mission and teamwork. The 2nd's proud history, along with its recent accomplishments, are proof of its excellence and professionalism which truly make it "Second to None" in the Air Force today and tomorrow.

#### **6th Airlift Squadron**

The 6th Airlift Squadron is the oldest airlift squadron in the Air Force, having served with

distinction since Oct. 1, 1933. The squadron made airlift history during World War II when, in October 1942, it was transferred to Port Moresby, New Guinea. Then flying C-47s, the 6th became the first personnel transport squadron to fly in the Pacific. It was during this assignment that the squadron earned the nickname "Bully Beef Express" as it carried tons boiled beef to allied combat troops in Australia and New Guinea. The French

called it "bouilli boef," and the Americanization of the term has continued to this day to be the squadron's motto.

The men and women of the 6th AS have performed some of the most demanding strategic airlift missions in Air Mobility Command. In addition to maintaining combat-ready aircrews for peacetime programmed logistic air movement, the Bully Beef Express served as the nation's primary nuclear airlift squadron, flying more than 1,600 Prime Nuclear Airlift Fleet missions between 1971 and 1993. During 1991-92, the 6th participated in the largest nuclear weapons movement in United States history aiding in the retirement of three major nuclear weapons systems from Europe in accordance with U.S. treaty agreements.

In the fall of 1992, the squadron picked up the tactical airdrop mission, while in December 1993, the 6th ended its distinguished 22-year nuclear airlift mission. In addition to airland cargo missions and tactical airdrop missions, the 6th is the primary AMC squadron for State Department embassy support missions.

The Bully Beef Express has met many challenges over the last few years, participating in

operations Urgent Fury in Grenada, Just Cause in Panama, Desert Shield and Desert Storm in Saudi Arabia, Provide Comfort in Iraq, Restore Hope in Somalia and Provide Hope in the Commonwealth of Independent States.

The 6th AS has earned a reputation for excellence throughout the years. Its many awards include: AMC's Outstanding Strategic Airlift Squadron for 1993, 1994, 1997, and 1999; Air Force Association Citation of Honor; distinction

as 21st Air Force's Outstanding Strategic Airlift Squadron of the Year in 1993, 1994, 1996, 1997, 1998, and 1999; as well as numerous Air Force







nuclear surety awards. They earned the first-ever "Outstanding" rating by a flying squadron on the 1992 Headquarters Nuclear Surety Inspection. The squadron's impressive 783,000 plus accident-free flying hour record now spans 42 years.

Whatever the mission, the 6th gets the job done day in and day out, around the world.

#### **32nd Air Refueling Squadron**

The 32nd Air Refueling Squadron is comprised of proud, dedicated professionals providing global reach for America through individual excellence and teamwork.

Its history began as the Second Provisional, Company F at Camp Kelly, San Antonio, Texas in May 1917. A month later it became the 32nd Aero Squadron. In August of that year, the 32nd set sail for France and served as an aviation instruction center during World War I.

The unit returned to the United States in 1919 and was demobilized. It was reconstituted as the 32nd Bombardment Squadron in March 1923 and further designated as "Heavy" in December 1939. During this period, the squadron flew a variety of aircraft including the C-26, O-27, B-3, B-12, B-17 and the B-29.

In WWII, the 32nd saw extensive combat action in Libya, Egypt, Tunisia, Sicily, Anzio, and Normandy. After the war, the designation of "Very Heavy" was assigned to better reflect its mission. In October 1945, however, the unit was inactivated.

The squadron would see life again as the 32nd Bombardment Squadron (Medium) in



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August 1946 flying B-47s. The 32nd demonstrated its flexibility when it absorbed RB-47s of the 3rd Reconnaissance Squadron, and in July 1958 converted to EB-47s in the Electronic Counter Measure role. It remained in that role until its June 1964 inactivation.

In February 1966, the 32nd took on its current role as an air refueling squadron upon activation and receipt of KC-135 and EC-135 aircraft. Under Strategic Air Command, it saw numerous deployments to the western Pacific supporting operations in Vietnam. After termination of hostilities, the unit assumed the primary role of supporting our strategic nuclear bomber force.

On Sept. 30, 1979, the unit was deactivated only to be reactivated two years later at Barksdale AFB, La. Upon completion of the KC-10 followon test and evaluation, the 32nd became the first unit to receive the KC-10 Extender.

Members of the 32nd and their Extenders participated in numerous sensitive missions such as El Dorado Canyon, Giant Scale and Urgent Fury. During Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, the squadron flew 800 sorties totaling 5,000 hours, transported 12 million pounds of cargo and military members while off-loading 92 million pounds of fuel to aircraft of the joint nation task force.

Since 1992, the 32nd reflects the changes occurring throughout the Air Force. Following the restructuring of Strategic Air Command, Tactical Air Command, and Mobility Air Command the 32nd transferred to the newly created Air Mobility Command.

On Sept. 1, 1994, the 32nd ceased operations at Barksdale AFB and established its new home here at McGuire.

The squadron continues distinguishing itself by supporting airlift and refueling missions for all allied and U.S. forces, participating in operations such as Southern Watch, Restore Hope and Provide Comfort. The 32nd ARS can generate, mobilize and deploy 12 KC-10 aircraft with more than 300 aircrew, maintenance and support people to fulfill a wide variety of worldwide mobility taskings.

Whenever the need, the 32nd stands poised to undertake any endeavor and meet any challenge at a moment's notice.

#### **305th Operations Support Squadron**

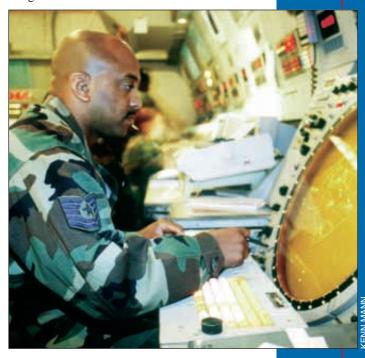
The 305th Operations Support Squadron was activated Oct 1, 1994. The mission of the 305th OSS is to provide aircrew information, support, and equipment to allow them to accomplish their worldwide mobility mission. Approximately 250 people in seven flights in six different locations carry this out.

The Airfield Operations Flight is made up of Air Traffic Control and Base Operations. Its members provide aircrew flight planning services, manages the airfield driving program and all airfield operations and maintenance.

The Air Traffic Control branch consists of the Radar Approach Control Facility and the Air Traffic Control Tower. These facilities provide services to aircraft at McGuire, 13 civilian airports and Lakehurst Naval Air Station. The facility controls more than 190,000 aircraft operations a year with an operational area of 2,000 square miles of the US National Airspace System.

The Combat Tactics Flight provides complete airdrop planning and tactics training for the aircrews of the 305th AMW.

The Current Operations Flight schedules the wing's missions and aircraft. The staff receives





these taskings from Air Mobility Command's Tanker Airlift Control Center at Scott AFB, IL, and works with each of the active and reserve flying squadrons for aircrews, and the Aerial Port Squadron for cargo coordination.

The Aircrew Life Support Flight staff supplies aircrew and passengers with an entire range of equipment from life rafts to oxygen masks. It also provides aircrew training in survival techniques and chemical defense.

The Intelligence Flight members keep the wing staff informed of the current world situation. It conducts intelligence briefings for aircrew, block training, and the operations group and wing staffs.

The Weather Flight provides support to the 21st Air Force commander as well as the 305th Air Mobility Wing. On duty 24 hours a day, they issue weather warnings and advisories for the local area. Local aircrews are briefed on worldwide weather conditions affecting their missions. A recorded weather forecast for McGuire is available at (609) 754-4131, or DSN 650-4131.

The Combat Crew Training School conducts KC-10 Extender qualification and upgrade training for pilots, flight engineers, and boom operators. This training ensures crewmembers gain and demonstrate required levels of proficiency prior to their in-flight evaluations and subsequent unsupervised missions.

### **305th Logistics Group**

The 305th Logistics Group was activated on Oct. 1, 1994. The largest group at McGuire, it consists of seven squadrons with more than 2,000 military, civilian and air reserve technicians working hand-in-hand supplying, contracting, fixing, launching and moving valuable people and supplies in support of global reach as a pivotal member of the Air Expeditionary Force. The group coordinates and controls heavy and scheduled aircraft maintenance and supply activities to ensure unit readiness for assigned C-141B, KC-10 and transient aircraft.

The group's dedication to customer service and providing a quality product has made it the benchmark of quality initiatives for Team McGuire.

#### **305th Logistics Support Squadron**

The prime function of the 305th Logistics Support Squadron is to coordinate the mission support activities of the various logistics group squadrons to ensure economy of effort in accomplishing the group's tasks. The squadron consists of programs and mobility, plans and scheduling, engine management, analysis, logistics training, quality assurance evaluation, and logistics operations management.

The programs and mobility element develops a variety of operational plans for the logistics group commander. It is also the focal point for all financial, manpower facilities and mobility issues for the group. It oversees the quality assurance evaluators who monitor corrosion control and transient aircraft services contract for the wing and provide ramp inspection services for DoD contracted aircraft

The Logistics Group Environmental Manager keeps the Logistics Group commander informed of federal laws, state laws, and Air Force environmental issues that affect the logistics community.

The analysis flight members track logistics indicators for the wing, group, and higher head-quarters. Analysis publishes the Wing Logistics Digest, prepares daily briefings, and conducts special studies. By managing the maintenance information systems, the branch provides up-to-the-minute information for accurate aircraft reliability and logistics decision making.

The Local Area Network shop is responsible for providing hardware and software support for both network and stand alone machines within the 305th Logistics Group in accordance with the logistics Group Commander's policy and Air force directives.

The quality assurance evaluation section manages, surveys, and evaluates AMC's first ever, combined corrosion control and transient aircraft services contract, ensuring quality services. As AMC Ramp Inspectors, they perform Congressionally mandated "Safety of Flight" inspections of DoD-contracted aircraft departing the Northeastern United States.

The plans and scheduling element develops the aircraft-flying schedule and plans all scheduled aircraft maintenance for wing aircraft.



The engine management element centralizes engine maintenance, documentation, scheduling, tracking and supply support for the group.

The logistics training flight provides wing maintenance personnel upgrade and cross utilization training. This section is responsible for the training of more than 2,000 active duty and reserve technicians, to ensure qualified maintainers can perform their assigned duties.

#### **305th Contracting Squadron**

The 305th Contracting Squadron provides best-value and performance-based acquisition support to Headquarters 21st Air Force, 305th Air Mobility Wing, 514th Air Mobility Wing, Air Mobility Warfare Center, and more than 20 associate units through electronic and paperless contracting processes.

Customer focus support includes major and minor construction renovation, alteration, repair, and demolition projects, including architect-engineer design. Management of a \$12 million a year government-purchase card program, IMPAC, ensures 'just-in-time' delivery of supplies and services to our customers. Large and small dollar service and commodity purchases round out the varied and diverse mission support performed by the squadron. The squadron awards and administers more than \$50 million annually through the necessary support of a responsive and competitive small and large business commercial opportunity base.

"Combat Contracting" has become a way of life to military Contingency Contracting Officers supporting both domestic and worldwide humanitarian relief efforts. Contingency support to the global reach mission is performed as a key member of the Air Expeditionary Force.

The Contracting Squadron motto represents its drive for mission success: "Supplier of Choice."

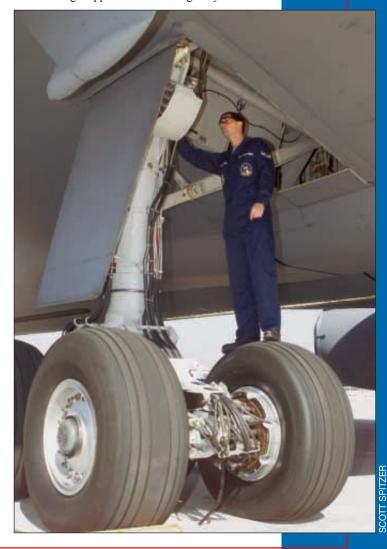
#### **605th Aircraft Generation Squadron**

The 605th Aircraft Generation Squadron is responsible for maintaining 32 McDonnell-Douglas KC-10A Extenders. With over 500 personnel assigned, it is the largest squadron in the 305th Air Mobility Wing. The 605th AGS supports a total of three active-duty and two Air Force Reserve Air

Refueling Squadrons and is often tasked to deploy to support worldwide contingency operations within moment's notice.

Peacetime activities include daily training missions, distinguished visitor missions, and numerous off-station refueling and cargo missions. The special mission section supports numerous Department of Defense, State Department, and other highly sensitive missions worldwide. The squadron also participates in semi-annual deployments to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Southern Watch.

The squadron has proven McGuire's "Can Do" motto by supporting such missions as Operation Desert Fox, Desert Thunder, and Allied Force. KC-10 refueling support contributed greatly to the



North Atlantic Treaty Organization's bombing campaign against Serbian forces in Kosovo in 1999 that led to the cessation of hostilities in that region.

The 605th AGS community is a tight knit, well-oiled machine that has proven itself by winning the 21st Air Force Maintenance Effectiveness Award for 1998 and 1999. When there is a need for a reliable air-refueling mission, the world calls upon the 605th Aircraft Generation Squadron to make the mission a full success.

#### 305th Aircraft Generation Squadron

The men and women of the 305th Aircraft Generation Squadron maintain a top-notch fleet of C-141B aircraft. In addition to many contingency operations, the predominant missions supported by



the C-141Bs include airdrop and air/land sorties, Presidential and State Department transport support, and Joint Airborne/Air Transportability Training exercises in conjunction with the US Army.

The 305th Aircraft Generation Squadron established McGuire Air Force Base as America's East Coast mobility hub launching over 3,600 sorties per year totaling over 19,000 flying hours and solidifying Team McGuire's position as a global air mobility team without parallel.

The 305th AGS professionals directly impacted key events through direct involvement in worldwide contingencies to include Operations Northern Watch, Southern Watch, Noble Anvil,



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Allied Force, Phoenix Duke and Provide Refuge. Additionally, AGS supports two airlift squadrons and mobilizes for humanitarian and contingency operations throughout the United States and the European, Southwest Asian, African, and Central and South American theaters.

AGS reaches every corner of the globe and "signifies its willingness to go anywhere and do anything," as proved by its relief operations at Charleston, S.C., following Hurricane Hugo, and Puerto Rico, following Hurricanes Georges. From Operation Just Cause in Panama and Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, Operation Restore Hope in Somalia to Operation Uphold Democracy in Haiti, AGS has been there.

#### **305th Supply Squadron**

The 305th Supply Squadron, with over 300 assigned personnel, provides fuel, supplies and equipment necessary to operate and maintain the 305th Air Mobility Wing's weapon systems and vehicles for day-to-day operations as well as any contingencies. This quality service is provided to all host and tenant units, as well as providing C-141 Starlifter spare parts to six forward supply

locations in Europe. Squadron members have an on-hand inventory of 22,405 line items valued at \$83 million. The squadron logs an average of 40,000 supply transactions each month for equipment and supplies. It supports aircraft missions for assigned aircraft and any transient military or commercial contract aircraft. Fuel personnel dispense more than 60 million gallons of JP-8 aviation fuel each year to customers.

The 305th Supply Squadron remains focused, mission oriented and strives to live up to its motto and vision: "Always Providing Quality Support." This is presently accomplished through four flights: Combat Operations Support, Material Storage and Distribution, Management and Systems and Fuels Management Flights.

#### **305th Transportation Squadron**

The 305th Transportation Squadron manages, operates and repairs more than 1018 vehicles worth more than \$66.5 million. The squadron consists of three flights – combat readiness, vehicle maintenance and vehicle operations. Each flight has its own responsibilities, but they are brought together by the same





goal – to provide the best possible transportation support to all customers.

The combat readiness flight reviews, validates and ensures transportation resources are always ready to deploy. This flight also ensures people receive training and quality information.

The vehicle maintenance flight repairs all vehicles assigned to the wing and various tenant units. The dedicated squadron members keep the vehicles in top mechanical condition.

The vehicle operations flight provides safe, efficient and cost-effective ground transportation for people on McGuire. Other major functions include maintaining vehicle licensing records and qualifications on more than 5,200 personnel, and achieving maximum vehicle life.

The squadron's support to the 305th Air Mobility Wing is complex, demanding and of critical importance. With quality vehicles and trained people to support them, the squadron has lived up to its motto: "We Support the Mission."

## **305th Support Group**

The 305th Support Group provides day-to-day base support and plans future facility renovation and replacement.

This responsibility includes construction, environmental compliance, management and maintenance of all base facilities for operations, logistics, medical services, family housing, recreation, the Air Force Reserve unit - 514th Air Mobility Wing, 621st Air Mobility Operations Group and Headquarters, 21st Air Force. Furthermore, the support group is responsible for limited support of the USAF Air Mobility Warfare Center.

In addition, the group offers equally important customer support services such as police and fire protection, communications and computer support, military and civilian personnel administration, family services, recreation, base security disaster preparedness, food service, lodging, club management, child development center, libraries, education office and youth activities. All these functional areas focus on the same mission: "Providing America's Eastern Gateway with Quality Services, Equipment and Facilities – Every Day!"

### 305th Services Squadron

The mission of this diverse support organization is to contribute to readiness and improve productivity through programs promoting fitness, esprit de corps and quality of life for all Air Force people. The squadron is compromised of five flights: Family Member Support, Business Operations, Combat Support, Community Support, and Resource Management. See the Services and Family sections of the base guide for more information on other flights, activities and services.

#### **Combat Support Flight**

#### Lodging

The All American Inn offers quality accommodations for temporary lodging needs. Serving more than 200,000 customers annually, this 24hour arrival point is in Bldg. 2717. Phone numbers are (609) 754-3974, or DSN 650-3974.

Space permitting, families arriving and departing McGuire may be billeted in the temporary lodging facility. To make TLF reservations, call (609) 754-3336 or DSN 650-3336 before arrival. Pets are not permitted in the facilities, but commercial boarding kennels are available in the local area. Off-base facilities are available in the area, but the cost is very high for lengthy stays. Setting up housing arrangements before bringing family members to McGuire is recommended. Transient officers are entitled to a maximum of 30 days in visiting officers quarters. Transient members are billeted in visiting officer and enlisted quarters. For reservations, call (609) 754-3336/3337, DSN 650-3336/3337. For additional information, call (609) 754-3974, DSN 650-3974.

Unaccompanied enlisted members (E-1 through E-5) can expect to be assigned dormitory rooms. E-6 and above will be provided with basic allowance for quarters to live off base.

#### **Dining Facility**

The Falcon Hall Dining Facility is conveniently located near the dormitories in Bldg. 2604. The dining facility staff provides outstanding services by preparing nutritious, well-balanced menu items for more than 33,000 customers monthly. They offer breakfast, lunch, dinner and midnight menus,

as well as limited carryout for all eligible military members. Weekday hours of operation are breakfast, 6 to 8 a.m.; lunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; dinner, 5 to 7:30 p.m.; and midnight meal, 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. Weekend hours of operation are brunch, 6 a.m. to 1 p.m.; dinner, 5 to 7:30 p.m.; and midnight meal 10:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. For more information, call (609) 754-3784.

#### Flight Kitchen

The flight kitchen is a 24-hour operation providing daily meal support to aircrews, flight passengers and ground support members who cannot go to the Falcon Hall Dining Facility. Because McGuire is a busy flying base, the flight kitchen prepares more than 42,000 meals annually. For more information, call (609) 754-3779.

#### **Readiness and Training Flight**

Readiness and training for the Services Squadron involves mobility. That means at a moment's notice, the squadron's military members can deploy anywhere in the world and perform the wartime mission of food service, lodging, recreation, mortuary, and laundry. Rigorous training is regularly accomplished, and often this means sending a team into the field to participate in exercises.







#### **Honor Guard**

A highly elite visible function of the force management flight is the McGuire Honor Guard. The honor guard is comprised of outstanding members from virtually every squadron on base. Standing tall and proud in Air Force blues, McGuire's Elite Honor Guard team exemplifies the highest standards of military life. Whether marching in parades or representing McGuire at retreats, graduations or military funerals, their appearance adds dignity and shows the Air Force at its best.

#### **Sports and Fitness Center**

With a focus on fitness and wellness, the Sports and Fitness Center staff serves the McGuire community with a variety of programs and fitness activities in its 42,000 square foot facility, located in Bldg. 2504. This seven-day-aweek operation offers racquetball courts, a wide selection of weight training to include free weights and Nautilus machines, several cardiovascular exercise machines, outdoor running track, a full-size basketball court/gymnasium and men's and women's locker rooms, saunas, showers, and reserved daily lockers. The staff offers instructional aerobics classes weekly. Outdoor facilities include tennis courts, soccer fields, lighted softball fields and a running track. The center also has an extensive intramural sports program including basketball, volleyball, golf, flag football, tennis and racquetball. Massage therapy, microfit testing and body fat evaluations are among the special services available at the fitness center. Hours of operation are Monday to Friday, 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and holidays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call the center at (609) 754-2158, or DSN 650-2158.



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#### **Resource Management Flight**

The Resource Management Flight, located in Bldg. 2905, is the financial artery of the Services Squadron. The primary function of this unit is to provide full accounting support to all non-appropriated fund activities within the Services Squadron. This includes out-processing individuals leaving McGuire and maintaining individual membership accounts such as the Officers' Club, The Enlisted Club and the Falcon Creek Golf Course. Daily operating hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For information concerning your membership account, contact the non-appropriated funds office at (609) 754-4541/4564, or DSN 650-4541/4564.

#### Marketing and Publicity

The marketing and publicity office serves a key role in the operation of all squadron activities and programs, by providing maximum exposure and publicity for all programs and services, as well as conducting customer needs assessments. Look for the many sources of advertising that includes base marquees, Airtides, posters, flyers, newsletters, videos and more. For information on what's happening in services, call (609) 754-5327, DSN 650-5327.

#### **Human Resources Office**

The Services Human Resources Office administers all non-appropriated fund personnel management programs and processes all personnel actions for the squadron. In addition to handling all NAF personnel recruitment for 305th SVS activities, office members provide comprehensive new employees' orientation and supervisory training. This office is also responsible for documentation of training, annual performance appraisals, and awards for NAF employees, ensuring the highest quality control measures for the maintenance of all employee information files. Applications for employment in services activities may be picked up and/or turned in at the office located in Bldg. 2905. For more information, stop by the office or call (609) 754-6247, DSN 650-6247.

#### **305th Mission Support Squadron**

The 305th Mission Support Squadron at McGuire includes approximately 400 individuals encompassing 15 different base agencies. The squadron's core units are the military personnel flight, civilian personnel flight, information management flight, family support center, education services flight, and airman leadership school.

Administratively assigned units are the staff agencies of 21st Air Force and the 305th Air Mobility Wing including plans; mobility and readiness; chaplain; social actions; staff judge advocate; public affairs; manpower; safety; and command post. While diverse in nature, the squadron's motto of "The Bottom Line is Excellence" binds these units together.

#### **Military Personnel Flight**

The military personnel flight offers many services and programs to meet the needs of the military member and family.

McGuire's military personnel flight is located in Bldg. 2903. Customers should first stop at the MPF customer service desk, or call (609) 754-3544, DSN 650-3544, for assistance. Customer service, along with records, provides a one-stop service for walk-in business. This section manages ID card applications, DEERS enrollments, veteran benefits, updates, special duty applications, and the INTRO and Casualty Assistance Programs. The career enhancement element manages promotions, awards & decorations, evaluations, re-enlistments, and special action needs.





The personnel relocation and employment section consists of three elements: relocation, employment, and base training.

The relocation staff manages outbound assignments, separations, and retirement needs. They also manage retraining and formal training actions along with the military's largest port separations program. For more information, call (609) 754-2310/3046, DSN 650-2310/3046.

The employment element staff handles officer and enlisted Air Force Specialty Code actions and manning as well as inbound assignments. Base training serves as the base officer performance ratings and manager for enlisted specialty training program policies. For more information, call (609) 754-3544.

The personnel systems and readiness element is key for those base members who frequently deploy. The specialists there efficiently prepare members for deployment.

#### Civilian Personnel Flight

McGuire has more than 1,500 civilians working in fully integrated organizations. Under the military spouse preference program, spouses may be given hiring preference. To qualify, military spouses must be eligible for employment, submit documentation to establish spouse and relocation status, and submit an application. For more information about the spouse preference program, call (609) 754-5697. For current job vacancies, call the job hot line at (609) 754-4040, DSN 650-4040. For information on non-appropriated fund employment, call (609) 754-3459/2146.

#### First Term Airmen Center

The First Term Airmen Center program was established at McGuire in June 1998, to provide Team McGuire with streamlined base in-processing, decrease no-shows and reduce adjustment and disciplinary problems by increasing professional knowledge and awareness.

The First Term Airmen Center is designed to transition first duty airmen from the controlled environment of Basic Military Training and technical school to one of self discipline, and provide for a streamlined four-phases process consisting of inprocessing, indoctrination briefings, formal training, and team building. The airmen assigned to the center also serve as a pool of personnel for base details, eliminating the burden on units to provide mission-ready airmen to perform extra duties.

#### 305th Security Forces Squadron

The 305th Security Forces Squadron members provide physical security for Team McGuire's people and priority aircraft. They also extend that security support to visiting dignitaries and transient aircraft. This unit maintains five special mobility teams to support wing and command contingencies, throughout the world.

Law enforcement members control installation entry and provide law enforcement services by



patrolling the installation's nearly 4,000 acres, via bicycle and walking patrols, automobile and allterrain vehicle.

The squadron members furnish administrative services including pass and registration information, security, resource protection, crime prevention, and small arms training.

The military working dog staff conducts a large array of duties from entry control point checks, drug suppression checks, demonstrations, and VIP support.

#### 305th Communications Squadron

The members of the 305th Communications Squadron provide communication operations, data processing, high-speed data connectivity, audiovisual services and maintenance for command and control communications, computers and air traffic control facilities, to support 24hour-a-day operations.

The squadron is made up of three flights on base and supports three locations in New Jersey and New York. With its motto "Connecting Link," the squadron has approximately 160 people to support these activities.

The support flight members provide essential records, data communications services, communications security, and special security office, which supports the 21st Air Force intelligence staff.





The base communications center members operate a nearly paperless environment for unclassified messages, processing approximately 800,000 messages annually. Additionally, the center staff provides support to eight Air National Guard units in six northeastern states.

The communications security staff provides education in communications and computer security.

The base network control center team manages and monitors all voice and data communications for McGuire. They also manage the local area networks, provide technical advice and solutions to computer requests, LAN training, and computer maintenance. Many base data systems have been integrated into the fiber optic backbone system providing a "plug and play" capability to respond quickly to moves and eliminating dedicated systems.

The plans flight staff ensures new facilities on McGuire have the proper communications infrastructure to integrate into the existing system. The flight's staff manages more than 100 communications projects.

The mission systems flight members maintain air navigation aids, weather forecasting support equipment, air traffic control radar and air-toground radio systems for the base and three locations in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York.

The staff also supports air-to-ground communications for the Northeast Air Defense Sector and maintains the base public address system.

The base telephone operators provide the base locator service, operate the switchboard, and provide services as the Defense System Network Gateway to Europe for all continental U.S. bases.

Quality assurance evaluators oversee contractors for the base telephone switch and cable plant, all land-mobile radios, and cellular phones as well as provide frequency management for base users and tenants.

#### **305th Civil Engineering Squadron**

As the largest of McGuire's support squadrons, with more than 400 people assigned, the 305th Civil Engineering Squadron provides quality engineering services to protect and enhance life at McGuire and deploys in support of Global Reach.

The largest section of the CE workforce, the operations flight, is focused on maintenance, repair and operations of utility systems, pavements and buildings, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The flight includes most of the squadron's civilian employees, vehicles and heavy equipment.

The fire protection, readiness and explosive ordnance disposal flights stand ready to respond to emergencies. From its two fire stations, McGuire's fire department staff provides crash rescue, fire suppression, paramedic and hazardous material responses. In addition, the fire protection flight is the 9-1-1 center for the base.

CE's highly trained EOD professional staff responds all over the Northeastern United States to identify and render safe a myriad of hazardous munitions. The readiness flight provides contingency support services and prepares the wing for operations during natural disasters, major acci-

> dents, war and other base emergencies including planning, program management and training for wing disaster preparedness.

> The engineering flight members provide comprehensive planning, program development, project design and construction management of operations and maintenance projects by contract and simplified acquisition of base engineering requirements contracts. This team is designed to provide cradle-to-grave technical, design and construction support to the base.

The environmental flight members provide Team McGuire with a corps of technical expertise in environmental matters including hazardous waste management, pollution prevention, clean air and water initiatives, wetland management, and natural resource management.





The resources flight members serve as the commander's advisers concerning manpower applications and authorizations as well as civilian and military personnel issues. The flight is responsible for maintaining a budget of more than \$40 million providing funding for operations and maintenance, defense base operating fund-transportation, family housing and environmental com-



pliance. Real property accountability, processing in-grants, out-grants, leases, and determining facility utilization are included in this flight's list of responsibilities. The squadron's work information management system and staff provide reliable computer support to the entire squadron.

The squadron's housing management flight oversees 1,749 housing units and 1,162 dormitory rooms. In addition, the flight's people help ease the difficult transition as families move to and depart from southern New Jersey.

With its Prime BEEF, EOD, firefighting and disaster preparedness missions, the squadron is often tasked to deploy in support of Air Mobility Command's global airlift mission. Ready to handle any assignment, the CE squadron displays its motto in every job it does: "In Pursuit of Excellence."

## 305th Medical Group

The 305th Medical Group members operate Walson Air Force Clinic at neighboring Fort Dix, providing ambulatory outpatient care. Walson is within a 10-minute drive from most locations on McGuire. A state-of-the-art Ambulatory Health Care Center that is expected to open in the fall of



2000 is under construction near the McGuire Commissary and Base Exchange. In addition, the 305th Medical Group operates a comprehensive dental facility on McGuire.

Members are encouraged to call the Health Benefits Office at (609) 562-9082 or (609) 562-9083 (DSN 944) for the latest information on health care availability. Office hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

#### 305th Aerospace Medicine Squadron

The 305th Aerospace Medicine Squadron supports the operational Air Force by enhancing the health of its people, ensuring a fit force, preventing disease and injury, protecting the environment, and anticipating medical contingencies. Staff members provide a comprehensive populationbased preventive medicine program for all beneficiaries aimed at enhancing wellness, performance, and readiness as well as assisting the managed care function in implementing evidence-based, cost-effective practices.

#### 305th Medical Operations Squadron

The 305th MOS provides the full scope of prevention and clinical health care services for the base population by assessing their health care needs and expectations; developing processes to provide access to care; diagnostic services; healthcare education and treatment services; referrals for preventive health care. The squadron's staff also provides acute and chronic disease and injury management.

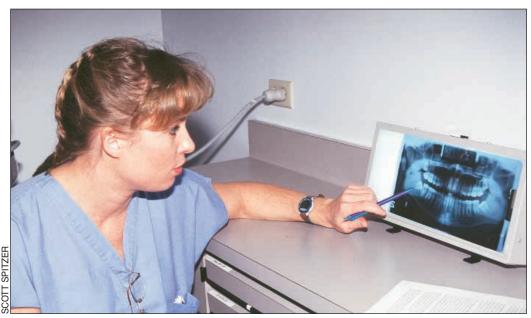
#### 305th Dental Squadron

The 305th Dental Squadron implements and maintains comprehensive programs for the prevention and treatment of dental disease to ensure maximum readiness and optimal oral health for active-duty members. Squadron members ensure the dental health care system integrates quality, emergency care, and access.

#### **305th Medical Support Squadron**

The 305th Medical Support Squadron maintains operating facility, budget, TRICARE access and management, logistics support, ancillary care and information management of the 305th Medical Group.

Members are encouraged to call the Health Benefits Advisors for the latest on health care availability through the TRICARE program. The HBA Office is open, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. for walk-in service, or you may call (609) 562-9082/9083, DSN 944-9082/9083.



## Tenant Units

## **Twenty-First Air Force**

wenty-First Air Force is one of two numbered air forces in Air Mobility Command. Its mission is to command and assess the combat readiness of assigned air mobility forces over the Atlantic half of the globe in support of Global Reach. These forces are at more than 70 locations in 15 countries and are comprised of more than 54,000 active duty, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve, and civilian force personnel operating more than 530 aircraft. Twenty-First Air Force major units include 11 active-duty wings and en-route support groups and it provides liaison to eight Air Reserve Component wings.

The 21st AF strategic airlift force includes the C-141 Starlifter, C-5 Galaxy, and C-17 Globemaster III aircraft, used to move cargo and passengers worldwide. The tanker force includes KC-135 Stratotankers and KC-10 Extenders used for in-flight refueling to provide increased global mobility.

Stateside, the 89th Airlift Wing at Andrews AFB, Md., provides worldwide administrative airlift support to the president and other top government officials flying the VC-25, Air Force One, VC-137, C-21, C-20, C-12, C-9, and UH-1 aircraft. The Malcolm Grow USAF Medical Center, also at Andrews, is the largest Air Force medical facility on the East Coast.

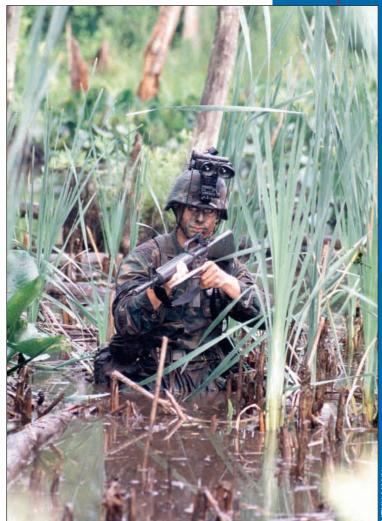
Dover AFB, Del., is the home of the 436th Airlift Wing which flies the C-5. The 437th AW at Charleston AFB, S.C. flies the C-141 and is the first AMC unit to fly the new C-17. The 305th Air Mobility Wing at McGuire flies the C-141 and KC-10 aircraft. The 19th Air Refueling Wing at Robins AFB, Ga., the 319th ARW at Grand Forks AFB, N.D., and the 380th ARW at Plattsburgh AFB, N.Y., all fly the KC-135.

Overseas, a network of 21st AF organizations supports Air Mobility Command's operations throughout Europe, Africa, and South America. The major units include: the 621st Air Mobility Support Group, at Ramstein AB, Germany; 640th Air Mobility Support Squadron, at Howard AFB, Panama; and stateside, the 621st Air Mobility Operations Group, at McGuire; and 624th Air Mobility Support Group, at Pope

AFB, N.C. Additional airlift support squadrons are located at Incirlik AB, Turkey; Lajes Field, The Azores; Rota NAS Spain; and RAF Mildenhall, England.

Twenty-First Air Force units have a proud heritage of providing airlift in support of national policy under the most difficult circumstances. In Operation Just Cause, 21st AF units conducted the largest night airdrop since World War II, leading to the liberation of Panama. Twenty-First Air Force controlled the largest airlift in history during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, ensuring the success of the U.S. response to Iraqi aggression.

While 21st AF has been a critical participant in U.S. combat operations, the command has been



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far more active supporting peaceful, humanitarian missions. Twenty-First Air Force units flew relief missions after Hurricanes Hugo and Andrew, earthquakes in Armenia and San Francisco, and many other natural disasters. In addition, 21st AF controlled the Operation Provide Comfort airlift missions to the Kurds following the Persian Gulf War, the Operation Provide Hope airlift in the aftermath of the collapse of the Soviet Union, and participated in Operation Restore Hope, the humanitarian airlift of food and supplies into Somalia. More recently, 21st AF people and equipment provided the bulk of strategic and tactical airlift for Operation Joint Endeavor.

While these examples highlight the tremendous capability of 21st AF, the command also routinely operates in remote, often austere locations throughout Europe, Africa, and South America. In all of these missions, the focus is on responsive airlift support to AMC customers wherever they may be.

Whether providing humanitarian and relief missions or flying in combat, the men and women of 21st AF are always in the forefront – an instrument of United States policy around the globe.

## **Air Mobility Warfare Center**

"A Team of Air Mobility Experts Improving America's Global Reach."

The mission of the Air Mobility Warfare Center is to provide tomorrow's full force mobility today! No other nation has the capability to project Global Power like the US.

The AMWC is a team of 450 handpicked mobility experts working in Air Mobility Command's center of excellence, co-located at Fort Dix and McGuire. Formed in 1994, the AMWC consolidates Air Mobility specific training and test and evaluation, previously located at seven geographically separated units. The synergism created from the consolidation, centralized operations, and economies of scale allows for the best Air Mobility training possible. The schools, directorates and squadrons teach mobility professionals how to operate in the future. Today's AMWC consists of seven world-class organizations.

The Dean of Education works to improve air mobility by educating, training, and exercising the right people with the right equipment at the right time. The Dean handles over 8,700 students per year and manages all registration, currency, and standardization issues. They even offer an

advanced degree through the Advanced Studies of Air Mobility Program, an intense 13-month Masters level course focusing on Air Mobility. The dean coordinates with command Functional Managers and AMWC Course Directors to ensure the best possible instruction.

The 421st Ground Combat Readiness Squadron "sharpens the blades" and trains contingency forces in the most realistic deployed operations support scenarios. They are the Air Force's premier total force ground contingency readiness training center. The 421st is on the leading edge in preparing the troops to lead, run and protect AMC assets at forward operating bases in the Air Expeditionary Force environment. Their Phoenix Readiness course provides the most realistic AEF training available and is known Air Force wide as the best place to prepare base operations teams to operate in a forward deployed location.

The Combat Aerial Delivery School focuses on maintaining and developing combat readiness capability with the Weapons Instructor Courses and Joint Training Divisions. They train experts from C-130 and KC-135 Aircraft at operating locations at Little Rock, Nellis and Fairchild Air Force Bases. They support the Joint Readiness Training Center with realistic C-130 and C-17 combat training through the Joint Operations

Division. The Combat Aerial Delivery School prepares aircrews to operate in the demanding AEF environment of tomorrow.

The Operations Directorate provides instruction in Air Transportation, Logistics, Tactics, Intelligence and Mobility Operations. They are responsible for education, training, doctrine and tactics advocacy for all mobility people. Their mission is broad, and covers a variety of topics ranging from aircraft tactics, doctrine and maintenance to current intelligence, communications, command and control and training for Directors of Mobility Forces. Thousands of students per year receive education through classroom, mobile training teams and computer-based instruction. They operate two detachments, one at Scott AFB for C2 training and one at Hurlburt Field, Fla. for AMC-specific aerospace operations center training.

The Air Mobility Battlelab is a think-tank to advance the USAF core competency of Rapid Global Mobility. They explore high payoff concepts, technology, and tactics by promoting new ideas for Airlift/Tanker Operations, Aeromedical Evacuation, Information Technology and Air Mobility Support. While their primary focus is to mature products and tactics for use within 18 months, they also strive to shape futuristic concepts, such as advanced air



mobility platforms and emerging information technologies.

The 33rd Flight Test Squadron is the sole operational test and evaluation organization for AMC. They provide centralized expertise for enhancing air mobility and conduct over 100 tests per year. They ensure new or modified systems are ready for field use. At Fort Dix and four other operating locations, their handpicked team conducts operational test and evaluation, assesses new tactics and concepts, and performs logistics service tests on AMC airlift and tanker aircraft mission systems and associated support equipment.

The Health and Wellness Directorate ensures mobility forces will "win through wellness." This is an important part of the AEF concept, and to do so, this directorate provides a full range of health and wellness counseling. The AMWC has a world-class health and wellness center with a well-trained staff and one of the best-equipped exercise facilities on base.

The Resources Directorate holds it all together by ensuring the center's staff is trained, qualified, equipped and supported to improve America's global reach. Every support function - manpower, funding, facilities and communications infrastructure belongs to the world-class professionals in resources.

The AMWC provides full force mobility for today and the millennium! Whether a member's specialty is Security Forces, operations, communications, or even from a sister service, the AMWC team has exactly what is needed to support the air mobility mission. For more information, please see the AMWC Web site at www.amwc.af.mil, or call (609) 562-4101, or DSN 944-4101.

## **621st Air Mobility Operations Group**

The 621st Air Mobility Operations Group is one of only two specialized groups in the Air Force responsible for training and deploying Air Mobility Command mission support forces. The AMOG provides the organization and management that directs and supervises deployable Air Mobility Command forces to provide worldwide Global Reach Laydown in support of United States Transportation Command assigned missions, and provides liaison with the Air Reserve Component forces.



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The AMOG's ability to deploy rapidly in all situations makes the unit an essential part of Air Mobility Command's mission. The unit maintains a ready core of AMC mobility support forces ready to execute a full spectrum of Global Reach operations, as directed by the Tanker Airlift Control Center at Scott AFB, Ill. There are about 510 people assigned at McGuire and about 138 assigned at Charleston with an annual budget of \$7.5 million. Today more than ever, the Air Force is supporting airlift operations all over the globe. Operations such as Southern Watch in Southeast Asia, and Joint Guard and Deliberate Guard in Italy, recent events in Albania, Macedonia, and East Timor are a tribute to the readiness of the 621 AMOG to provide mission support whenever and wherever the requirement exists.

The 621 AMOG is comprised of five squadrons, one of which is located at Charleston AFB, SC – The 1st Combat Camera Squadron. The other four, located at McGuire AFB include the 621st Air Mobility Operations Squadron, 621st Air Mobility Squadron, 721st Air Mobility Squadron, and the 821st Air Mobility Squadron. The AMOS provides cadre personnel to deploy an Air Mobility Element worldwide to monitor, coordinate, and interface AMC strategic operations within a defined area of responsibility. The Air

Mobility Squadrons provide the core cadre of command and control, aerial port, and aircraft maintenance personnel to deploy worldwide as AMC's Tanker Airlift Control Elements. These personnel establish or augment command, control, and mission support for strategic and theater air mobility forces supporting Global Reach. The 1st CTCS provides combat camera documentation of contingency operations, exercises, test programs, and historical interest events for editing, cataloging, duplication, and transmission of imagery.

## 108th Air Refueling Wing

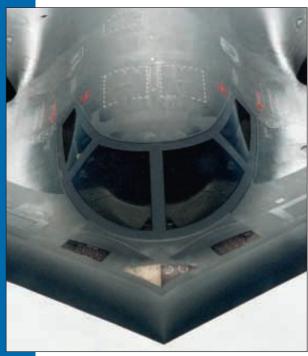
More than 1,500 members of the 108th Air Refueling Wing support the 20 KC-135E Stratotankers assigned to the New Jersey Air National Guard at McGuire. The 141st and 150th Air Refueling Squadrons each are responsible for 10 aircraft.

After performing as an active-duty unit during World War II, the 108th was activated for the Korean Conflict in 1951 and the Berlin Crisis in 1961.

The tradition of the 108th Air Refueling Wing began with the September 1928 organization of the 119th Observation Squadron, Air Corps, and New Jersey National Guard. The lineage of the 119th was transferred when it was re-designated as the 490th Fighter Squadron in August 1943, and again in June 1945 when it became the 119th Fighter Squadron.



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In May 1949, the 141st Tactical Fighter Squadron was activated at Mercer Airport in Trenton. In the fall of 1957, both the wing and the squadron moved to McGuire. The 141st dates back to 1917 and is one of the Air Force's oldest squadrons. The squadron's distinctive tiger patch depicts the Princeton University tiger in honor of Hobie Baker, who was a distinguished Princeton hockey player and later became the first commander of the 141st.

The 141st was later equipped with F-105B fighter-bombers and both F-4D and F-4E Phantom IIs. In October 1991, the squadron began its conversion to the KC-135E and was re-designated the 141st Air Refueling Squadron.

The 150th Air Transport Squadron was activated as part of the 170th Air Transport Group and was federally recognized in February 1956 at Newark Airport, where it flew C-46 Commandos and C-119 Flying Boxcars. Both the group and the squadron relocated to McGuire in June 1965.

Since 1965, the 150th has been equipped with C-121 Constellations and C-7 Caribous. In 1977, the 170th Transport Group was re-designated the 170th Air Refueling Group flying KC-135s. In October 1993, in response to Air Force-

wide force structure changes, the 170th Air Refueling Group was retired, and the 150th Air Refueling Squadron was reassigned to the 108th Air Refueling Wing.

The 20 KC-135Es of the 108th represent one of three "super" air refueling wings in the Air National Guard. The men and women of the unit are proud to be a part of the Total Force and they are dedicated to supporting Air Mobility Command in both the air refueling and strategic airlift roles. The 108th Air Refueling Wing is located on the West side of McGuire AFB, near Gate 8, near the Base Exchange and Commissary.

For more information about the 108th, call the Community Manager at (609) 754-4173.

## 514th Air Mobility Wing, Air Force Reserve

The 514th Air Mobility Wing is a key member of Team McGuire. With more than 2,800 reservists, they share the C-14lB Starlifter and the KC-10 Extender aircraft, facilities and equipment of the 305th Air Mobility Wing. In 1998, 514th aircrews, maintainers and support personnel operated the first all Reserve KC-10 six week rotation in Southwest Asia as part of Operation SOUTHERN WATCH, providing aerial refueling support for combat aircraft enforcing the Iraqi no-fly zone. They repeated this deployment in 1999 and 2000.

Through the Reserve Associate program, 514th AMW reservists directly support their active-duty counterparts at McGuire in operations and training, maintenance, aerial port, civil engineering, personnel, communications, and medical and aeromedical evacuation. Many of these Reservists also deploy to overseas locations on annual tours and Reserve aircrews are responsible for about 35-40 percent of all missions departing McGuire.

Reservists of the 514th have been recognized for meritorious service on many occasions. The wing was awarded the Air Force's Outstanding Unit Award for the sixth time in 1998 and won the Lt. Gen. Malcolm Armstrong Award in 1999 as the best Reserve unit in 21st Air Force. In 1998,

Tech. Sgt. Gil Morales was selected as one of the Air Force's 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year. In 1998 and 1999, six 514th members were selected as Best in the Air Force Reserve in their respective career fields.

The wing has been a leader in the Air Force Reserve since activation for Korea and has racked up an impressive record of accomplishments. Members of the wing have supported combat operations such as the Dominican Crisis in 1965, the Vietnam War from 1969 through 1975 and Grenada in 1983. A 514th aircrew was in the lead airdrop formation over Panama in 1989 for Operation JUST CAUSE and numerous other crews participated as well.

Operations DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM proved the value of the Ready Reserve. From August 1990 to April 1991, 1,975 reservists were activated – more than any other Air Force Reserve organization. C-141B aircrews flew more than 33,000 hours, moving 11,900 passengers and 26,430 tons of cargo to the Persian Gulf region. Of the 670 medical reservists who were recalled to active duty, 380 saw service in the Middle East. Other Reservists worked long hours maintaining aircraft; moving cargo, passengers and mail; and augmenting security forces at McGuire AFB and other stateside bases.

The 514 AMW aircrews, aerial port and maintenance crews have responded, often on short notice to many peacekeeping and disaster relief missions. Some of those missions include; the Yom Kippur airlift to Israel, 1973; Vietnamese refugee evacuation, 1975; peacekeeping missions to Zaire and Rhodesia, 1979; and most recently, Operation Restore Hope, Somalia, 1992-1993; Rwanda, 1994; Operation Uphold Democracy, Haiti; as well as Hurricane Mitch in 1998.

With a highly proficient and active aeromedical evacuation force, 514th medical crews are often in the lead when disaster strikes. In the fall of 1983, a 514th aeromedical crew assisted the survivors of the Beirut terrorist bombing of U.S. Marine headquarters during their airlift to the United States. In late 1984 and early 1985, reserve crews also took an active part in the State Department-sponsored Ethiopian relief efforts from McGuire and repeated this in the early 1990's



with refugees from the former Yugoslavia. In 1998, 514th aircrews and aeromedical crews were in the lead of the response to the bombing of American embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. Flight nurses and aeromedical technicians of the 514th's two aeromedical evacuation squadrons support eight Air Mobility Command medical

missions each month.

Despite busy schedules, 514th reservists find time for community service. Those contributions include: providing companionship and material assistance to the mentally challenged residents of the New Lisbon Developmental Center; sponsoring career days and orientation flights for Air Force Junior ROTC units; supporting and riding in the nations largest Multiple Sclerosis bicycle ride-a-thon team; providing financial support and participating in New Jersey's Tournament of Champions for physically and developmentally disabled children; and making large contributions of blood to the Central Jersey Blood Bank.

Overall, the achievements of the reservists of the 514 AMW have made it an important organization in the nation's Total Force.

#### **Area Defense Counsel**

The McGuire Area Defense Counsel office is a tenant unit of the Air Force Legal Services Agency, which has its headquarters at Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C. The ADC provides independent legal representation and confidential legal advice to military members on military justice and adverse administrative matters. The ADC's principal responsibility is to represent members in actions under the Uniform Code of Military Justice,



including courts-martial and non-judicial punishment, Article 15 proceedings. The office consists of an Air Force attorney and a Defense Paralegal.

To schedule an appointment with an attorney, call (609) 754-2349. Office hours are weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The office is located in Building 2906.

## Armed Services Whole Blood Processing Laboratory

McGuire is home to a unique Department of Defense mission – the Armed Services Whole Blood Processing Laboratory. The history and present operations of the ASWBPL establish a long-standing commitment to the Armed Services Blood Program and to the Department of Defense.

The Air Force is the executive agent of the triservice staffed ASWBPL. Staffing consists of nine military medical members in equal numbers from the Army, Navy and Air Force. The Director is an Air Force officer.

The ASWBPL receives blood collected by Army, Navy and Air Force blood donor centers. All units received are subjected to quality control procedures. The blood is then consolidated and repackaged for shipment to any destination specified by the Armed Services Blood Program Office. Blood shipments are coordinated with Air Mobility Command and shipped on military aircraft when going overseas.

The primary role of the ASWBPL in peacetime is to maintain a rapid response capability to supply blood in emergency situations. To ensure this readiness posture, ASWBPL operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, providing support to military medical facilities and taking part in unified and specified command exercises around the world.

The ASWBPL building consists of a refrigerated "cold room" to facilitate the packing and unpacking of blood, a room for testing, a warehouse of freezers, and an administrative office area. Three walk-in refrigerators can hold about 40,000 units of blood, and 45 freezers can maintain up to 50,000 frozen blood units at -85 degrees

Celsius. The laboratory can accommodate 60 technicians and needed equipment when activated to full wartime capacity.

## **Training Detachment 1**

The 373rd Training Squadron, Detachment 1 is a component of the Air Education and Training Command, and is responsible for aircraft maintenance training. The training detachment, formally, and still affectionately known as "FTD," Field Training Detachment, has been at McGuire since the mid-1950s in support of various aircraft. From then until now, its mission has changed many times to correspond with changes in the wing's weapon systems.

The detachment's instructors are responsible for teaching 60 aircraft maintenance courses ranging from initial-skill qualification to advanced troubleshooting techniques. While most of the detachment's students are from "Team McGuire", training is also provided to other Air Force Reserve and National Guard units worldwide in support of conversions to newer versions, or different types of aircraft.

## **Airman Leadership School**

Airman Leadership School prepares senior airmen and sergeants to accept greater responsibility as supervisors and reporting officials. The school is a 5-week course, which develops quality leadership, communication and military citizenship skills. Upon graduation, students receive 10 semester hours of college credit from Community College of the Air Force. Each class consists of students from the base units. On occasion, students from nearby bases may also attend the course as well as members of the Air Force Reserve and the Air National Guard. Seven classes are scheduled each year.

The staff is composed entirely of non-commissioned officers, whose experience covers a wide span of career fields. They are all graduates of the NCO academy or airman leadership school, volunteers for their jobs, and carefully selected. In addition, all instructors attend the

Air University Academic Instructor School and have received their Community College of the Air Force degree as an instructor of military science and technology. Proficiency is maintained through intensive and continuous inservice training to assure maximum currency and quality instruction for students. Contact the school at (609) 754-5530, or DSN 650-5530.

## **NCO Academy**

The McGuire NCO Academy is a detachment of the Air University and part of the Air Education and Training Command. The commandant is responsible for the overall supervision and management of the school.

The academy's mission is to prepare selected noncommissioned officers for positions of greater responsibility by broadening their leadership and managerial capabilities, and by expanding their perspective of the military profession.

An intensive six-week course stressing supervision, communication and the military citizen translates to 10-semester hour credit at Community College of the Air force for each academy graduate.

Each class of approximately 114 technical and staff sergeants includes students representing many commands, including Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve units. Seven classes are scheduled each year.

The NCOs who direct academy instruction have experience covering a broad span of career fields. They are also graduates of a NCO academy and the Air University Academic Instructor School. These volunteers are "hand-picked" for instructor duties. They maintain their proficiency through intensive and continuous in-service training to assure maximum currency and quality instruction for students.

The NCO Academy cadre is very active in the local community. They provide motivational presentations to local area schools. Additionally, the NCOA sponsors a Blood Drive for the American Red Cross every six weeks, which garners approximately 350 units annually.

Being thoroughly experienced in protocol and military functions, the NCO Academy is routinely requested to provide guidance and support for installation retirements, retreat and award ceremonies.

## Defense Courier Service Station McGuire

Defense Courier Service Station McGuire is a joint-service tenant activity located in Building 1702, the air freight warehouse. The DCS was formerly known as the Armed Forces Courier Service, and was created in 1953 by the Joint Chiefs of Staff as a tri-service activity. It was established Oct. 1, 1987 as a joint activity known as DCS by the Secretary of Defense. Executive Agency is vested in the Air Force; command and oversight authority and responsibility for financial and administrative support are delegated to the commander of Air Mobility Command.

DCS is headquartered at Fort Meade, Maryland, and composed of 31 courier stations located in 16 states or U.S. territories and 15 nations. The DCS is mandated to provide for the secure transportation and control of highly classified and timesensitive material requiring escort by courier. The DCS directly supports joint and combined military operations for NATO, U.S. Allies, the Department of State and all other federal agencies.

Although one of the smaller DCS stations, the McGuire station has a long history of big accomplishments. The station moved and processed more than 400,000 pounds of qualified DCS material in direct support of Operations Desert Storm and Shield. It was also extremely active during Operation Just Cause.

In addition to servicing two overseas locations, DCS Station McGuire staff is tasked to service all of New Jersey, New York City and Long Island, as well as Philadelphia and the surrounding area. The station's approximately 200 customers include units of all services and numerous Department of Defense contractors. Normal duty hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., weekdays. For more information on the station, call (609) 754-2820.



# Brief History



## A Brief History of McGuire Air Force Base

In 1937, the base began as Rudd Field, part of what was then the Army's Camp Dix. Re-designated Fort Dix Army Air Base in 1939, it supported training of recently activated National Guard observation units. By 1942, O-47, O-52 and B-24 aircraft flew antisubmarine patrols from the airfield. As WWII wound down, the base became the eastern terminal for returning wounded from Europe and thousands of separating troops.

The United States Air Force took possession in 1947 and in 1949, the base was dedicated as McGuire Air Force Base in honor of the late Maj. Thomas B. McGuire, Jr., Medal of Honor recipient and New Jersey resident. Initially, the Strategic Air Command's 91st Reconnaissance Wing was stationed here with RB-29 and RB-50 reconnaissance aircraft. Later, Air Defense Command and the 52nd Fighter Interceptor Wing took over with F-94 and F-86 jet fighters.

In 1954 the 1611th Air Transport Wing arrived with C-118 transports, under command of Military Air Transport Service. In addition, Navy Air Transport squadrons were stationed here with the R6D, their version of the C-118. Together, they provided passenger and cargo service to Europe

and were key in the evacuation of refugees after the Hungarian revolution failed in 1956. In 1962, the Air Force's only C-135 jet transports were assigned and in 1964, the C-130 entered service with Air Force and Navy transport squadrons, replacing the C-118. With the departure of the Navy from MATS in 1966, MATS became the Military Airlift Command and the 438th Military Airlift Wing replaced the 1611 ATW. C-141s began arriving in 1967 replacing the C-135 and C-130s by 1968. During the Vietnam War, McGuire aircrews transported troops and supplies to South Vietnam and airlifted prisoners of war from North Vietnam in 1973.

During the 1980s Team McGuire participated in the Beirut Marine barracks bombing airlift, Grenada rescue effort, and the invasion of Panama, which ousted dictator Manual Noreiga.

Beginning in August 1990, McGuire units supported Operation Desert Shield, the defense of Saudi Arabia. Aircrews and deployed support members began supporting Operation Desert Storm in January 1991. Combat ceased in February, followed by the massive withdrawal of troops and equipment for Operation Desert Calm beginning in March. In May 1991, McGuire aircrews began delivering food and supplies to Turkey under Operation Provide Comfort, supplying Iraqi Kurd refugees in southern Turkey and northern Iraq.

On 1 June 1992, McGuire became a major part of the newly activated Air Mobility Command, made up of former Military Airlift Command airlift and Strategic Air Command tanker units. From 1992 to Aug. 31 1994, McGuire developed, trained and operated the C-141B Special Operations Low-Level II program supporting a wide variety of inter-service users, a mission that recently returned to McGuire with the conversion to the C-17 at Charleston AFB, SC.

From December 1992 to May 1993, McGuire supported Operation RESTORE HOPE as personnel deployed to Cairo and Mogadishu, Somalia in December to set up operations and control the flow of aircraft in the peacekeeping/humanitarian effort for famine stricken Somalia. McGuire aircrew and ground personnel played a critical role in airlifting the bulk of the 28,000 military troops and equipment to Somalia, re-supply operations, troop movements, and eventual redeployment of troops in May 1993.

In July 1993, the base was selected by AMC officials to become the East Coast air mobility wing. As a result, the first of 24 McDonnell Douglas KC-10 Extender tanker/cargo aircraft and three C-12 Huron aircraft arrived in September 1994.

In December 1993, AMC officials selected McGuire as the new location for the Air Mobility Warfare Center, which opened in June 1994.

In October 1995, personnel and aircraft from McGuire deployed to Germany and the Balkan Region in support of Operation Joint Endeavor, the implementation of a peace settlement in wartorn Bosnia-Herzegovina. The wing played a major role in the deployment of more than 20,000 U.S. troops into the region and continues support of this on-going operation.

The men and women of McGuire AFB continue to be in the forefront of high visibility operations with regular deployments of airlift and aerial refueling aircraft and support elements for combat operations including Allied Force over Kosovo and Operations Northern and Southern Watch enforcing no-fly zones over Iraq. Just as visible are humanitarian relief and disaster response operations including airlift missions to Central America and the Caribbean after Hurricane's Georges and Mitch in 1998 and recent flooding in Mozambique.

## The Tommy B. McGuire Story

Maj. Thomas B. McGuire Jr., whose memory was preserved by the naming of McGuire Air Force Base, was born in Ridgewood, N.J., Aug. 1, 1920. He left college in his third year to join the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1941, as an aviation cadet.

During World War II, his first assignment was flying patrols over the Aleutian Islands and Alaska. In March 1943, he was sent to the south Pacif-

ic as a P-38 Lightening pilot with the 49th Fighter Group, 5th Air Force. He had not been in combat and hadn't even seen enemy aircraft.

Five months later, he was sent to the 431st Fighter Squadron – Satan's Angels – of the 475th Fighter Group. On Aug. 18, 1943, McGuire was part of a group flying top cover for bombers striking at Wewak, New Guinea. Nearing their target, the fighters were attacked by Japanese aircraft. During the battle, McGuire shot down two "Oscars" and one "Tony." On the following day, near the same location, he downed two more Oscars. This

established him as an air ace after engaging the enemy only twice.

On Jan. 7, 1945, McGuire was leading a group of four P-38s over a Japanese-held airstrip on the Los Negros Islands, the Philippines. His formation scattered and an enemy aircraft zeroed in on one of the P-38s. The pilot radioed for help and McGuire was quick to respond. Flying in a tight situation at low altitude caused McGuire's plane to stall and crash. He died in his attempt to save a friend's life.

McGuire was awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously for his final mission, and for missions on Dec. 25 and 26, in which he shot down seven "Zeros." His final victory total of 38 made him the second leading American air ace of WWII.

McGuire's other decorations include the Distinguished Service Cross with three silver stars, six Distinguished Flying Crosses, and 15 Air Medals – all before he was 25.



# Getting Settled

## **Your Sponsor**

our sponsor is a very important person in helping you smooth out the wrinkles in your move to McGuire. He or she can help with every aspect of your move, from housing to in processing and getting settled. Information about McGuire, your new unit and job, and the local area is available from your sponsor.

The Air Force established the sponsor program to make reassignment easier. Your sponsor has experienced the relocation you are about to make and has answers to many of your questions.

If you do not hear from your sponsor within 60 days of your reporting date, call the 305th Military Personnel Flight INTRO program manager for assistance at DSN 650-5774 or (609) 754-5774.

## **Mailing Address**

To ensure uninterrupted mail service, you may establish a temporary mailing address at McGuire. For all incoming military members the address is (your name), PSC Box 3000, General Delivery, MCGUIRE AFB, NJ 08641-5000. The PSC staff will hold the mail until called for in Bldg. 2907. Please stop by upon arrival to pick up general delivery mail and arrange for either a PSC box or mail forwarding address. Other postal service center services include mail forwarding or mail hold for people in TDY status and mail forwarding for those leaving McGuire.

The PSC hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Saturday hours are 9 a.m. to noon, closed Sundays and holidays.

### How to Get to McGuire

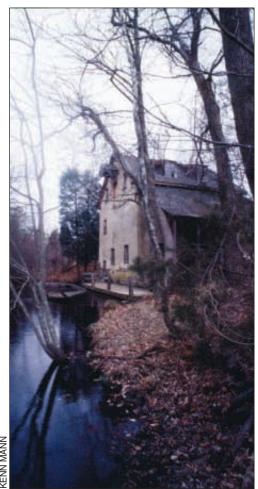
### **Arrival by Air**

Commercial ground transportation between Philadelphia International Airport and the McGuire passenger terminal is available every day, with minimum service on weekends. Buses leave from McGuire, Bldg. 1706, and service from Philadelphia IAP is available from the USO lounge in Terminal D. Phone Greyhound Services at 1-800-231-2222 for more information.

New Jersey Transit buses run between Newark International Airport and the McGuire passenger terminal. These buses also stop at the transportation office, Bldg. 5139. For schedules, call 1-800-772-3606.

New Jersey Transit and Greyhound buses to the bus station in Philadelphia do not stop at the passenger terminal. They do stop at the bus terminal on Fort Dix.

To get to the Philadelphia International Airport when bus service is not convenient, commercial limousine vans are available for charter through the passenger terminal. Prices for this service vary depending on the company and how many passengers are traveling. Call the limousine service at (609) 723-2000/2001 to make arrangements or stop by the terminal.



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### **Driving**

From the north: travel south on the New Jersey Turnpike (I-95 in northern New Jersey) to Exit 7. Follow directions below.

From the west: travel east on the Pennsylvania Turnpike (I- 76 becomes I-276: do not take I-76 into Philadelphia) to the New Jersey Turnpike. Go north on the New Jersey Turnpike to Exit 7. Follow directions below.

From the south: travel north on I-95 though Delaware to just south of Wilmington, Del. Follow the signs for I-295 and the New Jersey Turnpike across the Delaware Memorial Bridge into New Jersey. Take the New Jersey Turnpike north to Exit 7 or I-295 north to the McGuire/Fort Dix exit and follow directions below.

From New Jersey Turnpike Exit 7 or I-295 McGuire/Fort Dix exit: take U.S. Route 206 south for approximately 1/2 mile. Stay in the left lane to the "Y" intersection of Routes 206 and 68. Turn left on Route 68 and go approximately 4 miles. Look for a sign pointing left to "McGuire/Deborah Hospital." Turn left at the sign across the opposite lanes of Route 68. At the immediate "T" intersection, turn right on Burlington County Route 545 and head south for approximately two miles (crossing Burlington County Route 537 at the one and one half-mile point). At the intersection of Route 537, continue straight ahead, as the road becomes a four-lane divided highway. Follow the four-lane highway (which eventually becomes Burlington County Route 680) straight into McGuire AFB Gate 2. If gate 2 is closed, turn left and proceed 1/4 mile to Gate 1 (24-hour gate) on your right.

### When You Get Here

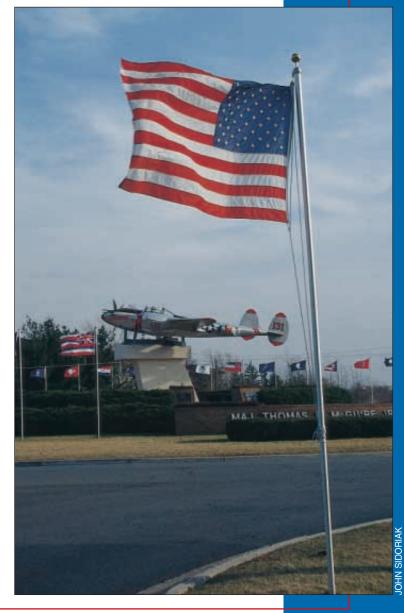
When you arrive at McGuire, report to the 24-hour arrival point, located in the All-American Inn, Bldg. 27-17, where billeting information is always available.

People assigned to McGuire must contact the 305th Military Personnel Flight, manning control unit, not later than 3 p.m. for duty day arrivals, or later than noon their first duty day after arrival.

When in-processing at MPF, you must have orders and all records in your possession for turn

in. In processing takes about two and a half hours and includes military pay and travel counseling and other support counseling as required. At the same time you will receive a schedule for mandatory newcomers' orientation, traffic safety, and drug, alcohol and human relations briefings.

If you are not assigned to base housing immediately, you are required to visit the off-base housing referral office before looking for or securing any off-base housing. Call MPF manning control unit at (609) 754-4423 or DSN 650-4423, weekdays between 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.



## Lodging

McGuire's lodging office, the All American Inn, can be reached at DSN 650-3974, or commercial (609) 723-4730. The reservations section can be reached at DSN 650-3336/3337 or commercial (609) 754-3336/3337. Guests are encouraged to make reservations early to ensure a room is available. Reservations are normally held until 6 p.m. If a later arrival is planned, a credit card number will be required to hold the room. Reservations are accepted on a first come, first served basis.

### **Temporary Lodging Facilities**

Thirty TLF units are available for all grades. Each unit is designed to accommodate a family of up to five members. The units have one bedroom with a foldout couch, color television, private bath, kitchen, refrigerator, silverware, dishes and cookware. Laundry facilities are also available. TLF rates are \$24 a night. Active-duty members moving to McGuire are authorized a maximum stay of 30 days, when space is available. Members departing McGuire are authorized a maximum stay of seven days, provided space is available. Accommodations are also available for married civilian members and their families in a PCS status on a space available basis. A copy of PCS orders must be provided to the lodging front desk before or at the time of registration.

### **Lodging Rooms**

Unaccompanied enlisted members (E-1 through E-4) can expect to be assigned to a double occupancy room for a maximum stay of 30 days. Members, E-6s and above, may be accommodated in single rooms with a semi-private bath for a 30-day maximum stay. Members who need to contact the protocol office or senior enlisted advisor's office for distinguished visitor suites or senior NCO suites, can reach them at DSN 650-2405 and DSN 650-2174, respectively.

### **Transient Quarters**

Reservations for duty transient quarters are accepted on a first come, first served basis. There are 91 visiting officer quarters, 343 visiting airman quarter bed spaces, 11 officer distinguished visitor suites and eight senior NCO DV suites.

### Pets

No pets are allowed in lodging facilities. A listing of commercial kennels in the local area is available at the front desk.

## Vehicle Registration and Regulations

Pass and Registration is in the Civilian Personnel Facility, Bldg. 2903 Room 6, and the hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 4:30 p.m., as well as Saturdays 8 a.m. to noon during reserve and guard weekends. The office is closed Sundays and holidays. Base regulations require members to register all privately owned vehicles, including motorcycles, within 72 hours of arrival or purchase. Vehicles may also be registered at unit orderly rooms. To register a vehicle on base, members will need proof of insurance, a valid operator's permit, vehicle registration and a military identification card. If a vehicle is leased, the member will need a copy of the lease agreement.

Motorcycle operators require a valid motorcycle license and must attend motorcycle safety training to register their motorcycles on base.

The speed limit on base is 25 mph unless otherwise posted. Speed limits are strictly enforced by radar (radar detectors are illegal on federal property). Everyone – military and civilians – must wear seatbelts when operating or riding in a vehicle on McGuire AFB. If you have questions concerning registration, call (609) 754-2200, DSN 650-2200, or visit the pass and registration section.

## **Firearms Registration**

People living in dormitories on McGuire must register privately owned firearms and store them with the 305th Security Forces Squadron upon arrival.

To register firearms, members must complete AF Form 1314 and have it signed by your unit commander. Forms are available at the Security Forces armory, Bldg. 1738. Members must take the completed form and the firearm to the Security Forces armory within 72 hours of arrival.



### Where to Live

### **On-Base**

McGuire has 1,891 family housing units, including 205 officer and senior enlisted single units and 1,544 enlisted multiplex units. The majority of the family-housing units are of the Capehart variety, constructed in 1961.

Some units have been renovated to include air conditioning, dishwashers, half-baths, exterior fencing and storage sheds. More than 200 units have been renovated to meet the 1993 "whole house" standards.

There are 142 duplex Air Force housing units undergoing whole-house renovation located on neighboring Fort Dix. The housing office will assign these units to officer and enlisted members.

Upon receipt of permanent change of station orders, members must report to the housing management office at their current duty station and complete an Advance Application for Military Housing, DD Form 1746. They will then forward the application, along with a copy of reassignment orders to McGuire, to give the member a status of housing availability, DD Form 1747, from the McGuire office staff within a few weeks.

Single pregnant members, within 30 days of delivery, may submit an advanced application

with a physician's statement as supporting documentation to confirm pregnancy.

A family housing effective date is the first day of the month before member's arrival. Applications for housing must be received before the first day of your reporting month.

For more information on family housing application and waiting list procedures, visit the housing management office in Bldg. 2902 or call (609) 754-3662, DSN 650-3662.

### **Housing Referral**

Upon arrival at McGuire, members should be certain to visit the housing management office. Housing referral specialists will provide personalized housing availability listings and relocation assistance.

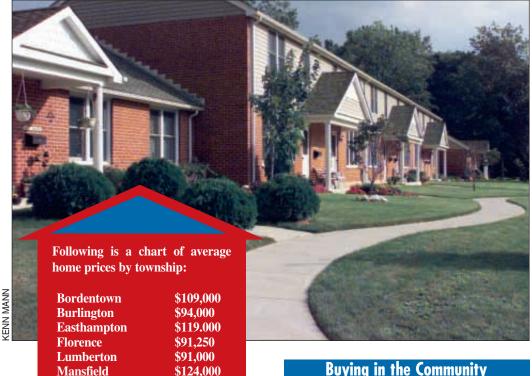
### **Renting in the Community**

Community rentals are available and expensive, but variable housing allowance rates reflect this fact. Rentals near the base are scarce. Most rental properties are within a 20- to 45-minute commute.

Members should expect to pay an average of \$555 a month for an unfurnished one-bedroom apartment, \$675 a month for a two-bedroom apartment, three-bedroom apartments are rare in New Jersey. For single family homes, expect to pay \$925



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\$164,500

\$156,250

\$79,874

\$109,000

\$183,560

\$87,400

\$158,500

\$135,000

\$154,000

\$110,500

\$89,900

\$91,200

a month for an unfurnished three-bedroom, and \$1,100 a month for a four-bedroom home. Renters are generally responsible for all utilities. Deposits for electricity, gas and telephone may be waived if you participate in the Utility Deposit Waiver Program. Contact McGuire's housing management office staff for more details on this program.

Medford

Moorestown

Mount Holly

Pemberton

Springfield

**Tabernacle** 

Westhampton

Willingboro

Wrightstown

**Shamong** 

**Mount Laurel** 

North Hanover

Most landlords require security deposits equal to a month and a half rent and the first month's rent in advance. Save approximately \$1,500 to \$2,500 to cover move-in costs. Lease lengths are usually no less than six months. Month-to-month leases are extremely hard to find.

### **Buying in the Community**

Many homes are available for sale in the McGuire area. Prices depend on location. Most military families purchase homes in the Burlington and Ocean County area. The average price of a two-bedroom home in Burlington County is \$81,440. A three-bedroom home averages \$119,160 and a four-bedroom home averages \$164,750. Property taxes average \$2,000 a year.

## **Schools**

### **Public Schools**

McGuire is within commuting distance of more than 100 public elementary schools and 20 middle schools and high schools in approximately 40 different school districts in Burlington, Ocean, Monmouth and Mercer counties.

Students residing in McGuire AFB family housing - Falcon Courts North and East, plus the new housing area planned near Fort Dix - will attend elementary school in the North Hanover Township School District and junior and senior

high school in the Northern Burlington County Regional School District. Students residing in Fort Dix family housing will attend school in the Pemberton Township School District. The "New Jersey Report Card on Schools," available through the McGuire Family Support Center, includes statistical information on all schools within commuting distance of McGuire.

### **Pre-School Handicapped Programs**

Both North Hanover and Pemberton Township school districts offer screening for the pre-school handicapped programs to children who are between the ages of three and four years, 11 months before Oct. 1 of each year. The child study team observes and assesses the child's general development in the areas of speech, language, motor coordination, social skills, vision and hearing. Contact the child study team at your child's school for further information.

### **Elementary**

### North Hanover Township School District

Four of the five elementary schools in the North Hanover Township district are adjacent to the Falcon Courts North housing area. In addition to the regular elementary school curriculum, North Hanover offers a half-day fourth grade kindergarten, a gifted/talented program, computer literacy, special education and a basic skills improvement program. For more information, contact the North Hanover Township Superintendent of Schools at (609) 723-3050.

### Pemberton Township School District

There are 11 elementary schools in the Pemberton School District; two are on Fort Dix and the others are within a short school bus ride of the base. Enrichment classes, basic skill instruction, and special education programs are available in the district. The Pemberton Board of Education sponsors an "After School Care" program until 6 p.m. for children attending grades pre-first through sixth. For more information, contact the Pemberton Township School District Superintendent at (609) 893-8141.

### **Junior High Schools**

## Northern Burlington County Regional School District

Northern Burlington County Regional School District serves the rural townships of Chesterfield, Mansfield, North Hanover and Springfield Townships. The junior/senior high school complex, west of New Jersey Route 68, is about a 15-minute school bus ride from the base. Military dependents comprise about 30 percent of the approximately 350 students enrolled in junior high and 950 high school students. For more information, call the Northern Burlington County Regional Superintendent at (609) 298-3900.

### Pemberton Township School District

Students residing in Fort Dix housing attend Helen A. Fort Middle School, a five-minute ride from the housing areas. Enrichment, basic skills and special education classes are available. For more information, call Helen A. Fort Middle School at (609) 894-8223.

### **High School**

### Pemberton Township High School

Pemberton High School is on Arney's Mount Road, just outside Fort Dix and a short drive from Fort Dix housing. There are approximately 1,450 students in grades 9-12. Pemberton High School offers enrichment, advanced placement and basic skills courses in general, business, vocational and college preparation programs. A large number of athletic and extra-curricular programs are available. For more information, call Pemberton Township High School at (609) 894-4833.

### Northern Burlington County Regional School District

Northern Burlington County Regional School District serves the rural townships of Chester-field, Mansfield, North Hanover and Springfield Townships. The junior/senior high school complex, west of New Jersey Route 68, is about a 15-minute school bus ride from the base. The high school curriculum includes honors and some



advanced placement classes, special education and curriculum tracks for agriculture, vocational, business and college preparation. A full schedule of athletics and extra-curricular activities is available. For more information, call the Northern Burlington County Regional Superintendent at (609) 298-3900.

### **Special Education**

Both North Hanover and Pemberton Township School Districts offer basic special education curricula. The district's child study team determines each special education placement. Parents of children who will require more than a very routine special education curriculum should call the McGuire AFB Exceptional Family Member Program Office at 609-562-6141 or DSN 944-6141 and the child study team coordinator of the district. For more information about child study teams, call your county office at: North Hanover Township, (609) 723-5461; Pemberton Township, (609) 723-9419; Northern Burlington County Regional, (609) 298-3900.

### **Private Schools**

There are approximately 35 private schools within a 20 to 40 minute drive of the base – Christian, Episcopal, Lutheran, Quaker (Friends), Roman Catholic, Seven-Day Adventist, etc. For detailed information, contact the McGuire Family Support Center.

## **Adult Education**

There are excellent adult education programs (including GED and ESL) available through two local townships. Plumsted Township Community Education Program is in New Egypt, a five-minute drive from base. For more information, call (609) 758-6850.

Pemberton Township Community Education Program meets in Pemberton High School, a 15minute drive from base. For more information, call (609) 894-4636.

Additional information on public education is available in the "McGuire Relocation Guide,"

included in the sponsor packet, or from the SITES computerized relocation database which you may access through your local family support center relocation program. The SITES program is also available at all Navy and Marine family service centers and Army community service centers.

## **Household Goods**

The Traffic Management Office, personal property section is in Building 2405, and is open weekdays 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or you can call the office at (609) 754-3398/3407.

In-bound people must contact the Joint Personal Property Shipping Office of New Jersey at Fort Dix, by calling (609) 562-2571/6376, between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. weekdays. All inbound functions are maintained at that office, located in Fort Dix, Building 5139. On delivery day, members or their designated representative must be present to accept the household goods. To change a scheduled delivery day, members must first coordinate with JPPSO to prevent being charged for an attempted delivery.

When assignment notification is received for base quarters and personal property is located off base, contact TMO.



# Health Care

## **Emergency Services**

he 305th Medical Group has no emergency room. When members have a true medical emergency, they must call 9-1-1 and a 24-hour emergency medical crew will respond to the McGuire AFB and Fort Dix areas. Patients will be transported by Air Force ambulance to the nearest civilian emergency department. Members who live in a civilian community will have a civilian ambulance crew respond to their 9-1-1 call.

After being seen in a civilian emergency medical facility, active-duty members and TRICARE Prime enrollees must call BOTH their Primary Care Manager at (888) 223-2448, AND the Health Care Finder at (888) 333-4522, within 24 hours for authorization. If these calls are not made within 24 hours, the member may be responsible for the charges incurred.

If a 9-1-1 emergency call is not needed, but emergency care is deemed necessary by the patient,



members should notify their Primary Care Manager immediately for an emergency referral. Often, the Primary Care Manager may be able to provide medical advice or re-direct patient care to the Medical Care Facility for an acute same-day appointment.

TRICARE Standard, TRICARE Extra, and Medicare-eligible patients using any civilian medical facility incur the prevailing cost-sharing rate for those services.

## **Inpatient Care**

The 305th Medical Group provides a range of same-day ambulatory surgery procedures. There is no overnight care. Patients unable to go home are transferred to Memorial Hospital of Burlington County or Rancocas Valley Hospital under inpatient agreements with these facilities. Memorial Hospital of Burlington County handles overnight and longer inpatient stays for active-duty members and their dependents and is approximately a 20-minute drive from McGuire AFB. Rancocas Valley hospital handles some inpatient stays and works with our OB/GYN services as well. Rancocas Valley Hospital is approximately a 25-minute drive from McGuire.

## **Ambulatory Surgery Element**

Ambulatory Surgery Element provides services for the beneficiaries undergoing operative procedures and then sent home on the same day. The element integrates the functions of anesthesia, operating room, post anesthesia care element and same day surgery sections. Patients needing procedures are referred by the surgical specialty clinics (general surgery, orthopedic or GYN) to the ASE pre-admission clinic for preoperative education and assessment. On the scheduled surgery day, patients come in the same day surgery section for preoperative preparation, followed by the planned operative procedure. After adequate recovery in the post anesthesia care section, patients then are kept in the SDS until assessed ready to be discharged on the same day. Patients admitted to the ASE require surgical care that is more complex or major than those given in a surgery clinic. Local, regional and general anesthesia is used in the ASE.

Typically, the patients are in general good health or have a medical condition under good control. Benefits of performing such surgical cases on an ambulatory setting include significant cost savings, and patients' preference and convenience to recover at home. Patients who are unable to recover or need in-hospital care are admitted to either Virtua Memorial Hospital or Rancocas Valley Hospital.

At the 305th Medical Group ASE, the surgical services rendered include general surgery, orthopedic, podiatry, gynecology, and gastroenterology. State-of-the-art equipment facilitates the performance of fairly complex procedures, such as laparoscopic removal of the gallbladder, laparoscopic repair of groin hernias, reconstruction of the knee ligaments, GYN laparoscopy and other videoendoscopic procedures. McGuire's ASE has been in operation since1993, and assumed an essential role in the Medical Group since the inpatient ward was closed in 1994. The new Ambulatory Health Care Clinic projected to open in fall 2000 will continue having the same ASE capability and function.

## **Same-Day Urgent Care**

Active-duty members have ample access to non-emergency same-day urgent care at the 305th Medical Group from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Fridays, and from 8:00 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, all by appointment only.

Non-emergency civilian care for TRICARE Prime enrollees requires a referral by the member's 305th Medical Group Primary Care Manager. Air Force members who receive care in civilian facilities without referral may be liable for payment of all charges for treatment that is later deemed by military medical review to be of a nonemergency nature.

TRICARE Standard and Medicare-eligible patients using any civilian medical facility

incur the prevailing cost-sharing rate for those services.

### TRICARE

TRICARE is the name of the Defense Department's regional managed care program for service families. Under TRICARE, members have three choices on how they receive medical care.

### **TRICARE Prime**

This is a voluntary health maintenance organization-type (HMO) option. If members decide to get health care through TRICARE Prime, they pay an annual enrollment fee, except for activeduty families, who may enroll free, and enroll for a year at a time. Normally, members will receive care from within the Prime network of civilian and military providers.

TRICARE Prime enrollees either choose or be assigned a Primary Care Manager from within the contractor's network or at your nearest uniformed services medical facility, who will furnish most care and will manage all aspects of the members' care, including referrals to specialists. The Health Care Finder (HCF) assists in finding the appropriate specialty care for members. For more information about this program, stop by the TRICARE Service Center to obtain a benefits guide or call (888) 999-5195. More information is also available at: http://www.sierramilitary.com

### TRICARE Extra

In this option, members don't have to enroll or pay an annual fee. They do have to satisfy an annual deductible for outpatient care, just as with TRICARE standard. On a visit-by-visit basis, enrollees may seek care from a provider who is part of the TRICARE network, get a discount on services, and have reduced cost-shares five percent less than TRICARE standard. Also, members generally won't have to file any claim forms. For a list of TRICARE network providers, visit the TRICARE Service Center, call (888) 999-5195, or check out the provider directory at: http://www.sierramilitary.com.

### TRICARE Standard

This is the new name of the former CHAM-PUS program. It pays a share of the cost of covered health care services members obtain from an authorized non-network civilian health care provider. There's no enrollment in TRICARE Standard. Members pay the normal TRICARE Standard deductibles for outpatient care, and cost-sharing percentages will be the same as for the former CHAMPUS program. When using TRICARE Standard, or non-network providers, check to make sure the provider has been "certified" with DOD. If the provider is not certified, the government can not share the cost with you. To check on certification for Region 1, call (800) 578-1294.

### **TRICARE Online Resources**

Some helpful online resources include:

Sierra Military Health Services (Northeast, Region 1 Contractor): <a href="http://www/sierramilitary.com">http://www/sierramilitary.com</a>.

TRICARE Headquarters: <a href="http://www.tricare.osd.mil">http://www.tricare.osd.mil</a>

TRICARE Help – email questions to: <u>TRI-CARE\_HELP@amedd.army.mil</u> (ensure underscore is used between "TRICARE" and "HELP")

### **Patient Advocate**

Members, who are concerned about how their health care needs are being met, may call the Customer Service Manger at (609) 562-9005 or visit the Customer Service Office.

## Other 305th Medical Group Services

Services listed below are available for all DoD beneficiaries, except where noted.

The 305th Medical Group information and general access telephone number is (609) 562-9000.

For appointments call the Sierra Appointment Line at (888) 999-5195. Members who have Flight Medicine as their primary care manager should call (609) 562-9014. If a member's PCM

is Family Practice 3 (Harris-Peck Clinic), they should call (609) 562-9494 for appointments.

Members may call the other clinics directly at the numbers listed below:

- The Allergy Clinic is open 8 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. (4:00 p.m. Mondays), by referral. To schedule an appointment, call (609) 562-9291 or send fax to (609) 562-9293.
- Behavioral Medicine, Psychiatry and Psychology Services, for active-duty members, is open 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To schedule an appointment, call (609) 562-9324 or (609) 562-9325 for walk-in emergencies. Psychiatry services offers individual and psychopharmacological therapy. Psychology services provides psychological assessment, individual counseling to address depression, anxiety, marital discord, military-duty issues, loss or death, family difficulties, management of anger and physical pain, communication problems, sleep disturbance, and other mental health-related concerns. Stress management classes and critical incident pre- and post- exposure briefings are also available.
- **Dental** for active-duty members is available 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To schedule an appointment, call (609) 754-3786. Walk-in active-duty sick call is 7:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Non-active duty treatment is limited to emergencies for relief of severe pain, trauma, or bleeding. Any beneficiary with a dental emergency during non-duty hours should call (609) 562-9658.

The Dental Plan for family members is, TRI-CARE-Active Duty Family Member. The contractor is United Concordia Companies, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Pennsylvania Blue Shield. The contractor toll-free number is (800) 866-8499. Air Force members may sign up through the McGuire Military Personnel Flight, by calling (609) 754-3183.

- The Diet Clinic services are available 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To schedule an appointment, call (609) 754-2462 or (609) 562-9279. Patients should bring a referral and medical records. The staff holds appointments at either Walson Air Force Clinic, on Fort Dix, or at the Health and Wellness Center, located in the Fitness Center on McGuire AFB.
- Exceptional Family Member Program services, for active duty and family members, are available 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., by referral. To set





an appointment, call (609) 562-9680. The EFMP assists families with exceptional medical and educational needs in search of information and referral to military and civilian community services.

• Family Advocacy services, for active-duty and family members, are available 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To schedule an appointment, call (609) 562-9680. The staff provides education, prevention, treatment, and protective services to families experiencing domestic violence, education to new parents through a variety of free books, literature and videos, and several classes for expectant families. Office or home visits are available.

- Family Practice and Pediatric Clinics staff members see TRICARE Prime patients in the clinics during normal duty hours by appointments made through Sierra Military Health Services by calling (888) 999-5195. Extended service is available Monday to Thursday from 4:30 to 6 p.m. as well as weekends and holidays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. All appointments are made through Sierra except Sundays and holidays, which may be made by calling the Primary Care Manager line at (888) 223-2448 and selecting the Sunday and holiday appointment option from the phone menu.
- Primary Care Managers may be reached 24-hours a day through the Military Treatment facility at (888) 223-2448. Members may select their Primary Care Manager clinic, Family Practice or Pediatrics, option on the phone menu.
- Flight Medicine services are available 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. by appointment. Active-duty aircrews, air traffic controllers, and their family members may call (609) 562-9014, to schedule an appointment.
- The OB/Gynecology Partnership Clinic is open 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., by appointment. For appointments, call (609) 562-9227/9228. Pregnancy tests for Dependants are done 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on a walk-in basis. For more information, call (609) 562-9228. Gynecology Clinic for military members is open 7:30 a.m. to 3:20 p.m. Monday to Friday and closes daily from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Active-duty members enrolled in TRICARE Prime should call (609) 562-9223. For Annual Pap/Routine Pap appointments members should call the TRICARE Service Center at (888) 555-5195. Prescription refills are by appointment only. To set an appointment, call (609) 562-9223, or contact the Family Practice Clinic, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at (609) 562-9211/9200. FPC also does pap smears for active duty and active duty family members.
- **Health Promotion** is open 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, in McGuire AFB, Bldg. 2504. For more information, call 754-2462. The flight operates the Health and Wellness Center, and provides education, motivation, intervention and training for sound nutrition, stress manage-

ment, cardiovascular disease prevention and programs to help people stop using tobacco products.

- Immunization Clinic provides walk-in services Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Friday, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. In addition, the clinic closes at 12:30 p.m. on the first and fourth Thursday of each month. For more information, call (609) 562-9291. All members are required to bring a copy of their shot records with them when going to the clinic. All reserve members will also need to bring a copy of their orders or 1040A with them. Yellow fever shots are given on Wednesdays, 8 to 9 a.m. only. The staff doesn't provide IPPD tests on Thursdays. After the IPPD test is placed, members must return in 48 to 72 hours so the staff can read the test.
- Internal Medicine Clinic sees TRICARE Prime patients during normal duty hours, by appointments made through Sierra Military Health Services at (888) 999-5195. Extended hours are available Monday to Thursday, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. as well as weekends and holidays, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. All appointments are made through Sierra except Sundays and Holidays which can be made by calling the Primary Care Manager line at (888) 223-2448 and selecting the Sunday and holiday appointment option from the phone menu. The Internal Medicine clinic also

- sees patients on a referral basis from other Primary Care Managers. These appointments may also be made through Sierra Military Health Services at the same number. Primary Care Managers may be reached 24-hours a day through the Military Treatment facility at (888) 223-2448. Select the Internal Medicine option on the phone menu.
- **The Laboratory** is open Monday to Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It is a limited service laboratory. For more information, call (609) 562-9090.
- Maternity Care is for active-duty members only. For information, call (609) 562-9223. To obtain written confirmation by military physician of pregnancy, members must do the following: (1) Visit the GYN Clinic, Monday through Friday, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Call 562-9223 to ensure a provider will be available. (2) Report to Health Benefits Office. For TRICARE Standard eligible family members, arrange for maternity care through the Health Benefits Office, by calling (609) 562-9080. After confirmation of pregnancy, attend a prenatal briefing held every Monday at 2 p.m., except holidays, in the Walson Dining Facility, located in the basement. Members should bring their ID Card.
- **Optometry** offers routine examinations, by appointment, for TRICARE Prime beneficiaries. To schedule appointments for routine/annual



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exams, call Sierra at (888) 999-5195. Members may obtain same-day acute care by coordinating with their Primary Care Manager. TRICARE Network provides care through other physicians and facilities, when demand exceeds the clinic's capabilities. Driver's license screenings are available for active duty and family members on a walk-in basis. Requests for military glasses can be processed for active-duty and retired members who present a current prescription. Requests, repairs and adjustments for military eyewear are available on a walk-in basis. The clinic is staffed Monday to Friday, 8 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, call the clinic at (609) 562-9685.

• Orthopedics serves active-duty, active duty family members, retirees and their family members, by referral only. Duty hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday. For more information, call (609) 562-9433/9434.

- The Pediatric Clinic is open 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. To schedule an appointment, call (609) 562-9446/9200 before 4 p.m. The clinic offers routine, same day care, and well-baby care, plus school and sports physicals. For more information, call (609) 562-9483/9284.
- The Pharmacy, open 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., fills new prescriptions during the same day. Civilian prescriptions are subject to medications in stock. For phone-in refills, members may use the automated refill phone-in line, by calling (609) 562-9470, and providing name, social security number, prescription number, medication name and prescription strength. Phone-in prescriptions received before 6 p.m. may be picked up anytime the next duty day, and after 6 p.m. may be picked up the second duty day after 10 a.m. For more information, call (609) 562-9465
- **Physical Exams** are available by appointment. To set an appointment, call (609) 562-9025.
- Physical Therapy Clinic hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday. The clinic is closed from noon to 1 p.m. daily for lunch. Patients must have a referral to obtain an appointment with the therapist, except one-time visits for patients requiring crutches and canes and home exercise programs. This service is for active-duty members only. To set an appointment, call (609) 562-9476.
- Radiology/x-ray is open 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday to Friday. Call (609) 562-9523/9524, for available services. Mammography appointments are available by calling (609) 562-9530. For ultrasound appointments, call (609) 562-9614.
- Sick Call is not available for walk-in appointments. Same-day acute care appointments are available 7 days a week in the Extended Family Practice Clinic. Extended clinic hours are available Monday to Thursday until 6 p.m. as well as weekends and holidays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Active Duty and TRICARE Prime patients needing same-day acute access can obtain an appointment through the Sierra Military Healthcare Services appointment line at (888) 999-5195. Sierra appointment services are available 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, and they are closed on Sundays and Holidays. For same-day appointments, call

(609) 562-9211 or (888) 223-2448 on Sundays and holidays. Members' Primary Care Managers can be reached 24-hours a day through the Primary Care Manager Team during normal duty hours and an answering service during non-duty hours that will notify your on-call Primary Care Manager who will return your call promptly.

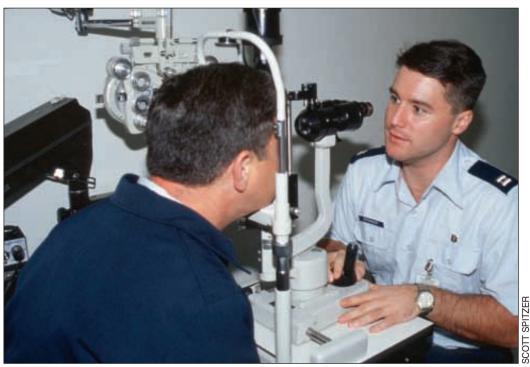
- Substance Abuse help is available, by appointment or referral, by calling (609) 562-9324/9325. Services include assessment and individual and group counseling for substance abuse issues. Deterrence of illicit drug use is achieved through extensive community-based prevention efforts and drug test program. Prevention efforts include educational materials and provision of expert speakers that target civilian and military populations.
- The Surgery Clinic is open 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., by referral only. For more information, call (609) 562-9556/9557.

NOTE: Inpatient or outpatient care for activeduty family members and retirees and their family members, may be obtained at civilian facilities for patients who are enrolled in TRICARE Standard or TRICARE Extra. For patients enrolled in TRICARE Prime, TRICARE Standard, or MEDICARE, care may be obtained at the military treatment facility.

## New Ambulatory Health Care Center

To upgrade the quality of care rendered to our patients, the 305th Medical Group is moving into a new \$35.2 million facility. Construction on the new facility began in Sept. 98. This state of the art institution will be located behind the Base/Post Exchange and Commissary. Over 50,000 square feet, the actual building combines the five floors from Walson Hospital into two well-designed levels.

The total area dedicated to the AHCC is over 160,000 square feet, which includes adequate parking for patients. Construction is scheduled to be completed in fall 2000, at which point the 305th Medical Group will begin the transition process. Allowing time to "work out the bugs," the 305th Medical Group anticipates the center being fully operational by January 2001.



# Taking Care of the Family

## **Family Support Center**

he McGuire Family Support Center, Bldg. 3011, is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Air Force recognizes the special relationship between successful mission accomplishments and the quality of life of Air Force families. Changes in family structure and lifestyles require increased focus on programs and policies that foster a positive family environment.

The center serves as the commander's service organization for families. Programs include information and referral, Relocation Assistance Program, Career Focus Program, Volunteer Resource Program, family life education, Personal Financial Management Program, Air Force Aid Society and Transition Assistance Program.

### Volunteer Resource Program

The Volunteer Resource Program welcomes new volunteers. The experience is rewarding and provides an excellent way for newcomers to make friends while learning about the area. Free child-care is provided for volunteers. For more information about volunteering, call (609) 754-3154/2558.

### **Relocation Assistance Program**

The relocation services branch of the center is open during operating hours for loan locker and base brochure library business. For more information, call 754-3154 during the center's normal hours of operation.

The information and referral section is a centralized point for base and area information. Assessments can be conducted to give clientele a full menu of options to assist their need.

### Family Life Education

The staff works to help families adapt to the stresses of family and military life. Emphasis is placed on skill development and coping techniques. Education programs about parenting issues, change management, teen issues, family decision-making, and couples communication.

### **Air Force Aid Society**

The Air Force Aid Society staff works closely with the American Red Cross as well as national, state and local welfare agencies to offer emergency financial assistance to all Air Force and retired Air Force members. The organization offers loans and grants when authorized persons



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are in need of financial assistance, plus educational grants, and vocational and technical training loans. The AFAS program manager can be reached during FSC operating hours at 754-3154. For emergencies after 3 p.m. call 754-3154.

### **Career Focus Program**

The Career Focus Program staff helps family members prepare for employment opportunities in the local area. Resume writing, job search techniques and interview skills workshops are offered in addition to career assessment and on-site recruitment by local businesses.

### **Volunteer Resource Program**

For individuals willing to share their talents freely, Volunteer Resource Program offers volunteers placement and training opportunities for both on- and off-base agencies. In addition, the VRP sponsors volunteer recognition programs and events.

### Personal Financial Management Program

Financial management assistance includes a monthly class, one-on-one counseling and computer-based financial programs.

### **Transition Assistance Program**

Transition Assistance Program members help prepare separating and retiring members and spouses for re-entry into civilian life and second careers. The TAP staff offers a voluntary three-day job search seminar, individual transition planning, computer and videotape resources plus a variety of printed materials.

### **Relocation Assistance Program**

The program includes an automated information database on military installations worldwide, E-mail access to the Family Support Center's at 110 Air Force bases, and helpful information about the local area. In addition Relocation Assistance Program sponsors new spouse orientation, smooth move and sponsorship training workshops several times a year.

### **Relocation Services**

The relocation services branch of the center, staffed by a coordinator and volunteers, provides services including the base brochure library; newbaby layettes program; as well as a variety of local area relocation information. Loan items for PCS in and out families include futons, strollers, high chairs, pots and pans, irons and ironing boards, and folding tables and chairs. These items can be checked out at no charge for 30 days with PCS orders. These items are also available for short-term loans when family or friends visit. The worldwide base brochure library contains information on most bases, all branches of service. Brochures may be checked out for 48 hours. First babies of E-4s and below and multiple births of any rank receive a gift when the newborn arrives. Many base agencies and private organizations make contributions to the gift program to say "congratulations" to new parents. The relocation services branch staff always welcomes and needs new volunteers. Free childcare is provided for volunteers.

All family support center services and programs are free and are open to active-duty military members and their families, guard and reserve personnel and their family members when on active duty, retired military personnel and their families as well as DOD civilians.

## **American Red Cross**

The McGuire AFB American Red Cross office is located within the FSC complex, and is open weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. To reach the staff, call (609) 754-2460. For emergency service weekdays from 4 p.m. to midnight, and on weekends and holidays, call the Fort Dix Red Cross office at (609) 562-2258.

The American Red Cross staff can help with services like emergency financial assistance, verification of emergencies for emergency leave, emergency communications, and counseling.

Red Cross volunteers conduct courses in health safety, first aid, CPR and nutrition. They also serve McGuire AFB at locations including Walson Air Force Clinic, dental clinic, youth activities center, child development center and the library. The volunteers also assist with blood drives.





**McGuire Chapels** 

At McGuire, opportunities abound to take part in religious life. Several active chapel lay organizations exist for both Protestants and Catholics. McGuire has two chapels, Chapel One, Bldg. 2503 on the main base, and Chapel Two, Bldg. 3827 in the Falcon Courts North housing area.

Protestant services are Sundays. Gospel service is 11 a.m. at the base theater, liturgical service is 8:30 a.m. at Chapel Two, and a traditional service is 10:45 a.m. at Chapel Two. Sunday school classes are each week for all ages at 9 a.m. at the Discovery School in Falcon Courts North.

For Catholics, a Saturday Vigil Eucharist is celebrated at 5:30 p.m. in Chapel Two, while a Roman Rite Eucharist is celebrated at 9 a.m. in the base theater on Sundays. Daily Mass is celebrated at noon, Monday through Friday, in Chapel Two. Chaplains hear confessions at Chapel Two on Saturdays from 5 to 5:30 p.m., or by appointment.

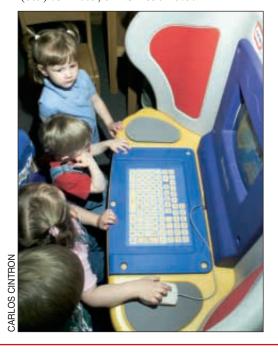
Catholic religious education classes for K-4 through adult are 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. Sundays at the Challenger School in Falcon Courts North.

Jewish Sabbath services and other religious activities are held at McGuire chapels as announced in Airtides, the base newspaper.

The duty chaplain may be reached for emergencies by calling the base chapel at 754-3811 weekdays from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. After duty hours, the chaplain duty officer may be contacted through the command post at (609) 754-3935.

## **Base Library**

The Base Library, located in Bldg. 2603, has a collection of more than 33,000 books, magazines, newspapers, videos, audio cassettes, compact discs and books on tape. In addition to a growing collection of children's books and materials, children can enjoy story hour, pre-school story time, bedtime story and summer reading programs. An inter-library loan service enhances the program. The Networked Information Products allow instant access to thousands of articles. Facsimile, photocopier, and Internet services are available for a nominal fee. For more information, call (609) 754-2079, or DSN 650-2079.



## **Family Member Program Flight**

The Family Member Program Flight is responsible for providing quality child development and family day care, as well as youth and school-age children programs. For more information, call the flight chief at (609) 754-5710, or DSN 650-5710.



### **Child Development Center**

The McGuire Child Development Center has more than doubled its capacity with the addition of a new building and the renovation of the existing facility. Full day care is provided to children ages six weeks through five years. Members pay fees on an annual basis, paid twice a month with limited drop-in care. To ensure quality care, the center has numerous child-care rooms and plenty of outdoor playing areas. A video monitoring system provides simultaneous viewing of each room from the main offices.

The center offers a part day preschool program, for children ages 3 to 5, during the school year. The program begins in September and goes through June. Members may enroll their children throughout the year, when openings become available.

McGuire's Child Development Center can accommodate more than 400 children. For reservations or other information, contact the CDC 1, on Third Street, at (609) 754-2966, or DSN 650-2966, and CDC 2, at Pudgy Circle, at (609) 754-3661, or DSN 650-3661. To sign up for CDC services, stop by or call CDC 1.



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### Family Child Care Program

For quality home day care, the Family Child Care Program offers training, support and licensing for homes on McGuire and in Air Force housing on Fort Dix. Approximately 20 providers are certified and trained to provide quality developmental activities and programs in military quarters. The FCC providers offer a variety of options for care. There is always a current list of providers, their hours and types of care in the FCC office. Lists of current FCC providers may also be obtained at the Child Development Centers and at the Family Support Office.

### **Youth Activities Center**

The McGuire Youth Activities Center is in the Falcon Courts North housing area, Bldg. 3830. Affiliated with the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, the Youth Center provides a wide variety of activities for youth.

Instructional courses are also offered in ballet and karate, with other courses depending on instructor availability.

A comprehensive youth sports program offers soccer, basketball, baseball, T-ball, girls softball, junior golf and other seasonal sports. Trips are also scheduled for various areas.

The School Age Program provides care for children in first grade through age 12. Children have a variety of choices of activities in a supervised environment. The program is open all day during the summer, school vacations and other times when the school are closed.

For current details of all Youth Center activities or to enroll children, call the center at (609) 754-5437 or DSN 650-5437.

## **McGuire Commissary**

The Fort Dix/McGuire Commissary Super Store is one of the largest commissaries in the Defense Commissary Agency. The facility, opened in 1982, has 22 checkouts and operates seven days a week. The commissary features an in-store bakery, deli, gourmet section and fresh fish counter. An information line is also offered at 754-3833. The line provides sale information, operating hours and other important details.

The commissary provides household goods and services at the lowest practical price to the commissary patron. Feeding a family of four? Shopping the Commissary could save thousands of dollars a year. Think food, think savings, and think Commissary.

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# Recreation



### **Education Services**

he McGuire Education Center offers excellent educational opportunities to military people, family members and civilian employees. On- and off-base programs are available, as are a number of other services. Burlington County College in Pemberton and Community College of the Air Force offer two-year degree programs, with classes available on base. Bachelor and master degree programs are offered through Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, University of Southern Colorado and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

In addition to resident course work on base, the center conducts free testing in CLEP, DANTES, ACT/PEP, SAT, GRE, GMAT, Strong Campbell Interest Inventory, Kuder Occupational Interest Survey and others. Television, independent study and correspondence courses are also available.

For enlisted members, opportunities are available for commissioning through such programs as Officer Training School, Air Force Academy, Airman Education and Commissioning Program, and Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps.

For more information about education services, call (609) 754-3019.

### **Burlington County College**

Burlington County College is a two-year public institution approved by the New Jersey Department of Higher Education and accredited by the Commission on Higher Education, Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. The college offers more than 500 courses in nearly 100 academic programs. The college offers associate of arts, associate of science and associate of applied science degrees. In certain academic areas, Burlington County College offers certificate programs of one year or less. The college offers courses all across Burlington County, including McGuire AFB and Fort Dix.

## Central Michigan University

Central Michigan University brings the university to the base. Members may earn a Master of Science in Administration degree with an area of concentration in general administration of health services administration. A Master of Arts in Education is also available. Classes meet on three alternate weekends in the education center. Through the McGuire program center, you can enroll in all the classes needed to complete the requirements for the MSA degree. You can register for classes, purchase textbooks and apply for



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### Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

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### The University of Southern Colorado

The University of Southern Colorado offers upper-level courses in psychology, sociology, history, political science and economics leading to a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Sciences. Minors can be developed in several areas including business administration, criminology, sociology, and health and aging.

Since 1991, degree-seeking and transfer students have joined in evening and Saturday study in small classes with excellent faculty, close to home, and at a moderate cost.

### **Southern Illinois University** at Carbondale

The university offers a Bachelor of Science degree in Workforce Education and Development, specializing in education, training and development. The degree prepares people for training and development positions in business, industry, government, military and post secondary institutions as training program managers/supervisors, program designers, instructional writers, occupational analysts and trainers/instructors.

The North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, as well as many

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### **Falcon Creek Golf Course**

For golf enthusiasts, the Falcon Creek Golf Course is an 18-hole championship course. This year-round operation hosts numerous tournaments and a diverse open play schedule. In addition to the course, a 300-yard driving range, putting greens, chipping green and supervised instruction are available to assist in improving your game. The clubhouse offers a lounge area, pro shop equipped with the newest golf items and clothing, snack bar, locker rooms, and showers. More than 80 power cart rental units, daily and annual greens fees, and computerized handicaps are furnished at a nominal fee. For more information, tee times and reservations, call (609) 754-2169, or DSN 650-2169.

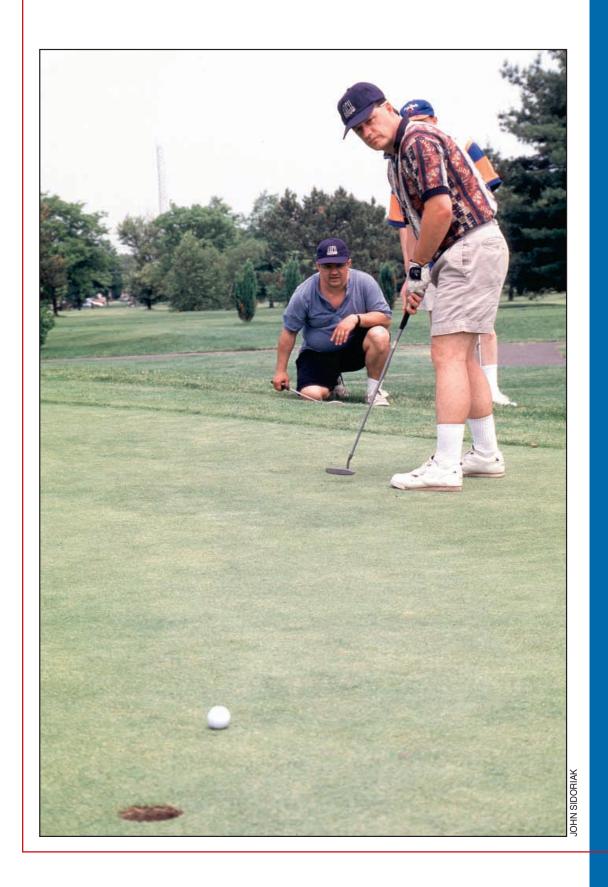
### **Auto Skills Center**

The Auto Skills Center, Bldg. 2415, offers a general maintenance and self-help auto crafts area with 11 service bays and three lifts for customer use. Storage areas for vehicles and parts are available to accommodate most types of repairs. A professional staff of automotive technicians and attendants is available to provide guidance on most vehicle repairs.

Services available include an automotive parts sales store, tire mounting and balancing, brake drum and rotor resurfacing, automotive repairs by appointment, towing service, a controlled vehicle resale lot and short-term storage. For more information, call (609) 754-4316, or DSN 650-4316.

## **Information, Tickets and Tours**

The Information, Tickets and Tours office has two locations to better serve base members' needs. One is conveniently located in the BX Shopping area, while the other is in Bldg. 2415, near the Auto Skills Center and Visual Information Services. The ITT staff offers a number of tours throughout the area, including New York,



Atlantic City, Washington D.C., and the Baltimore Inner Harbor. Other available attractions include tickets to Broadway shows, local sporting events, and day trips, with many trips designed especially for children. Also available for purchase are discounts tickets to numerous area theme parks and fabulous ski-trip packages during the winter months. For more information, call (609) 754-4271, or DSN 650-4271.

## **Base Swimming Pool**

In addition to scheduled trips and outings, the outdoor recreation program operates a base swimming pool. It is located in Falcon Courts North housing area, and is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The swimming program offers lessons for all ages, lap swimming, open swimming, and pool parties. Season passes are also available through the Information, Tickets and Tours office. For more information, call (609) 754-2145, or DSN 650-2145.

## Officers Club/Enlisted Club

The McGuire Officers Club and Enlisted Club host activities for members including military members, civilian workers, their families and guests. Each club boasts a range of services and programs, including lunch, specialty dinner nights, check cashing, lounge areas, meeting rooms and a wide variety of entertainment. These facilities are available for receptions, squadron meetings, and special functions. Some highlights of the clubs include Sunday brunch, membership nights, holiday buffets and celebrations, karaoke, game nights on Sunday, Monday and Wednesday, as well as various monthly specials. For more information, call the officers club at (609) 754-3297 or the enlisted club at (609) 754-3153.

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## Army & Air Force Exchange Service

The well-stocked Fort Dix-McGuire Air Force Base Main Exchange is open seven days a week, Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

In the shopping mall, which connects the exchange and commissary, are AAFES concession stores, including a beauty salon, florist, dry cleaner, optical shop, amusement arcade, African boutique, Native American shop, electronic repair shop, one-hour photo, embroidery shop, and specialty store. There are also several fast food counters, including an ice cream parlor and pizza shop. The entire mall, including the eating area is non-smoking. Temporary concessions open for special shopping during the Christmas season.

In addition to this main shopping complex, AAFES offers a number of other consumer facilities, including three

barbershops, a base theater, service stations and shoppettes. See the AAFES concessions listing for details.

AAFES also operates the Military Clothing Sales Store, located on neighboring Fort Dix in Bldg. 5650. The store is open Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. An alteration shop is in the same building, call (609) 723-5155 for hours of operations. Call (609) 723-2307 for more information.



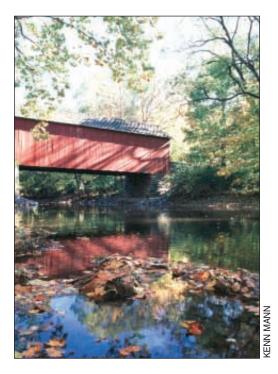
A large car care center, retail store, barbershop and Burger King restaurant, run by AAFES, are located on Fort Dix.

AAFES runs several facilities located on McGuire, including the Alteration Shop, Bldg. 2304, and Barbershop, Bldg. 1706. The main Shoppette & Video Rental, Bldg. 2911 Video Rental) is open seven days a week, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., while the Shoppette, located at Bldg. 4264, in Falcon Courts North is open seven days a week, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.





# Out and About





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## **Experience the Northeast**

here is certainly no lack of excitement or leisure opportunities ahead for those coming to McGuire. Located in south central New Jersey, McGuire is 45 miles from Philadelphia, 80 miles from New York City and 70 miles from Atlantic City. So in an hour or so you can be in Times Square, Independence Hall or catching a wave at the Jersey shore.

The amount of off-duty opportunities truly has no limits. For those who love the country, the city, the arts, outdoor sports – it's all here.

While many newcomers arrive expecting New Jersey to be one bustling metropolitan area, they find that two-thirds of its land is still forest or farmland. The base lies amidst rural New Jersey agricultural lands. It's a short drive from the world, but far enough to provide the luxuries of small-town living.



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## **New Jersey: The Garden State**

Settled more than 300 years ago, New Jersey has more historic sites than any other state. Among other events woven into the state's history, the American Revolution has left lasting reminders tucked away in every corner. Washington Crossing State Park, where General Washington crossed the Delaware River and surprised the Hessian troops outside of Trenton, is only an hour's drive from the base.

The Atlantic City coastline, the largest stretch of white sandy beach in America, provides plenty of sunning, surfing, sailing, crabbing and surf fishing – and of course, the casinos offer some of the most glittering nightlife to be found anywhere.

Six Flags Great Adventure Theme Park, just north of the base, features not only thrilling rides, but also a 450-acre drivethrough safari and a 10,000-seat open-air arena for live musical entertainment.

A little farther north is the Meadowlands Sports Complex in Secaucus. It's the largest sports and entertainment facility in the East. You can attend horse and auto racing, NFL football with the Jets and Giants, Nets basketball and New Jersey Devils hockey games, as well as superstar concerts.

For those who love the outdoors, New Jersey boasts 40 state parks, more than 100 rivers and 800 lakes and ponds. Within easy day-trip access from McGuire are Allaire State Park, the Brigantine National Wildlife Refuge and Batsto State Park in the heart of the pine barrens.





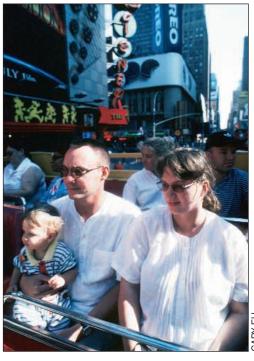


## **New York City: The Big Apple**

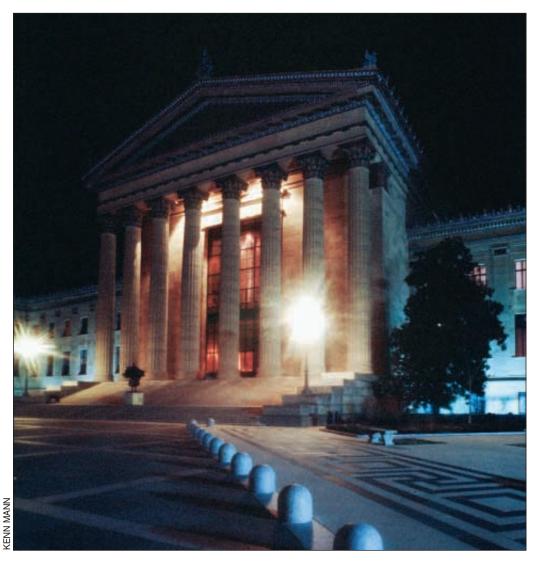
Drive north of the base, and you'll hit New York City – the center of the financial world, the art world, the media world and the fashion world, to name just a few.

In every one of the five boroughs that make up New York City, there are attractions that few cities can match. One-of-a- kind sites that are synonymous with the Big Apple include Manhattan's Rockefeller Center, the Statue of Liberty, the Empire State Building, The United Nations, Central Park, Wall Street, the Bronx Zoo, Times Square and Broadway.

The 305th Services Squadron regularly sponsors trips to the city for sightseeing, shopping and the enjoyment of the arts. The opportunity to see popular Broadway productions like "Phantom of the Opera," "Les Miserables" and "Miss Saigon" is undoubtedly a unique opportunity for McGuire people.







## Philadelphia: The City of **Brotherly Love**

Drive west, and you'll be in Philadelphia. Founded in 1682 by William Penn, the city is the home to some of the richest American history to be found. Sightseeing highlights include Independence National Historical Park, "America's most historic square mile." The park includes two of America's most treasured monuments, Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell. The park also offers another dozen sites of historic importance such as Carpenter's Hall, Old City

Hall, Congress Hall and the original site of Benjamin Franklin's home.

The city's nightlife offers world class performances, five-star restaurants and the entertainment of South Street and Manayunk. The Academy of Music, a magnificent opera house, is home to the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Philly Pops, the Opera Company of Philadelphia and the Pennsylvania Ballet. Other attractions include Penn's Landing, the Betsy Ross House, the Afro-American Historical and Cultural Museum, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Franklin Institute Science Museum and Fairmount Park.

## **Other Regional Sites**

Other adventures close enough for a day trip include Washington D.C., Baltimore Inner Harbor, Lancaster and the Pennsylvania Dutch Country. Teach your family about American History by visiting Gettysburg National Battleground, or spend the day hiking through the amazing beauty of Valley Forge National Historical Park, about an hour-and-a-half drive west of the base in Pennsylvania.

Go see the enormous Victorian homes and climb to the top of a historic lighthouse in Cape May, the southernmost point in New Jersey, where the Delaware River meets the Atlantic Ocean. The Pennsylvania Pocono Mountains offer an assortment of ski resorts for skiers of all skill levels.

## **The Community**

Burlington County has a population of nearly 400,000 people, many of whom are drawn by the flourishing business and industrial atmosphere as well as the friendly and attractive way of life. The county covers 827 square miles of land and water from the Delaware River to the Atlantic Ocean, making it the largest county in the state.

The principal towns in the immediate vicinity of the base are:

### Wrightstown

Just outside McGuire's gates, the town featuring a population of 3,800 people has a small business district, public elementary and regional high schools, park, neighborhood shopping center, and several recreational facilities.





### Cookstown

Approximately one mile from the base is Cookstown, in North Hanover Township. With a population of 15,000 people, Cookstown provides another small town atmosphere offering two neighborhood shopping centers, a public elementary school and a regional high school.

### **Pemberton Township**

Pemberton Township, seven miles from the base, encompasses Pemberton Borough and Browns Mills in an area of 64.47 square miles. This area features three neighborhood shopping centers, two high schools and Burlington County Community College. Browns Mills is also the home of Deborah Heart and Lung Center.

### **Bordentown**

Bordentown, with its population of 4,500 people, is approximately 11 miles from the

base. With one central shopping district, Bordentown has five parks, two yacht clubs, three sports fields and a number of other recreational areas. The town has one public elementary school, one public junior high school and a regional high school, as well as a private elementary school.

### **Mount Holly**

With a population of 11,000 people, Mount Holly is the county seat of Burlington County and is 12 miles from the base. The town, settled more than 300 years ago, has a central shopping district and several neighborhood-shopping areas. Mount Holly has three public elementary schools, a public junior high school, a public regional high school and a private elementary school. Recreational facilities include a community center and an amateur Regional Center for the Performing Arts.

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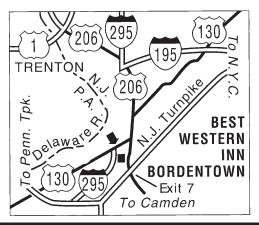
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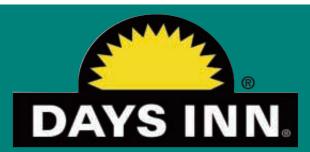
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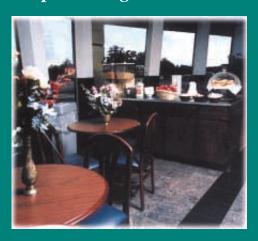
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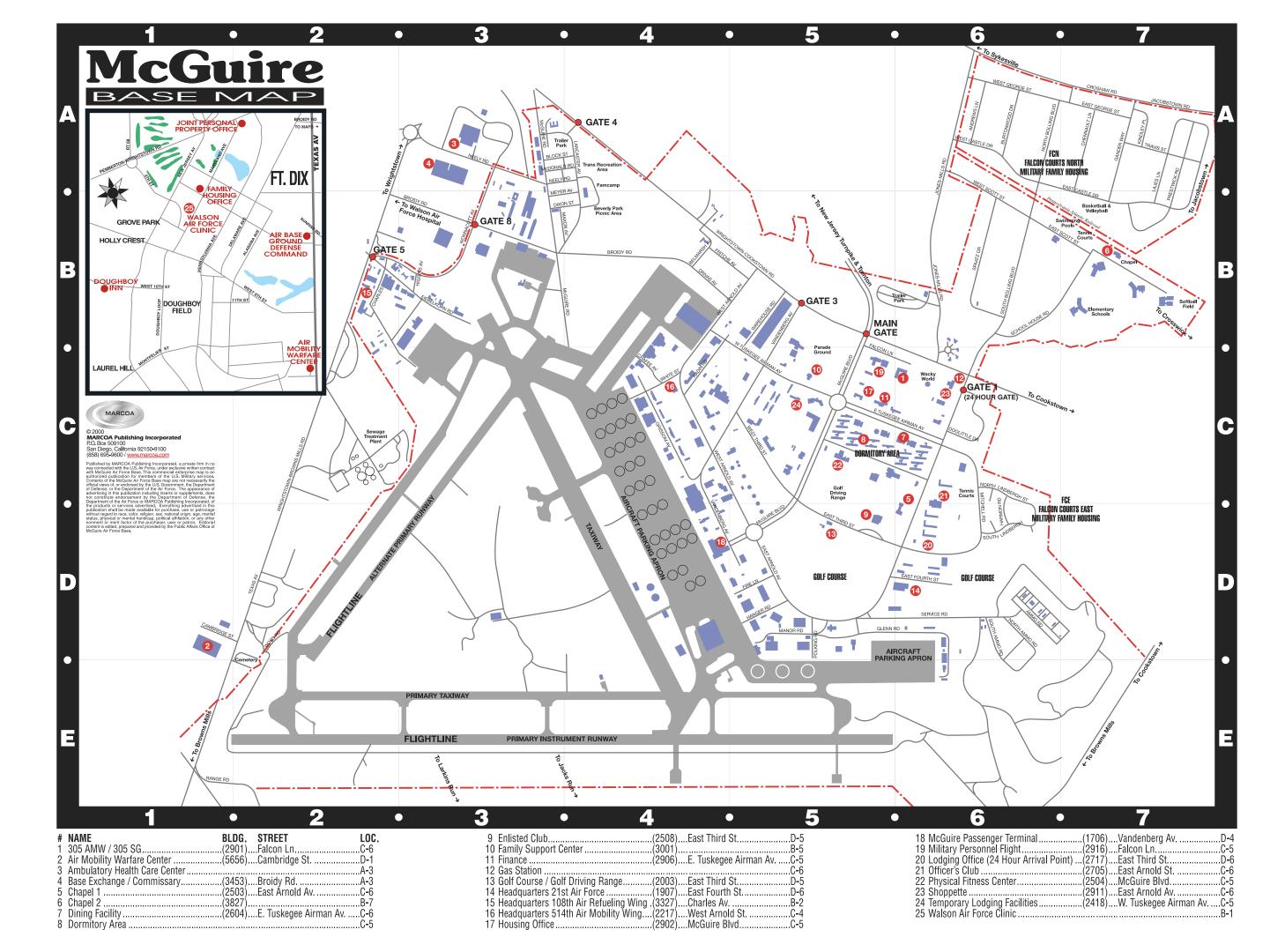
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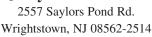
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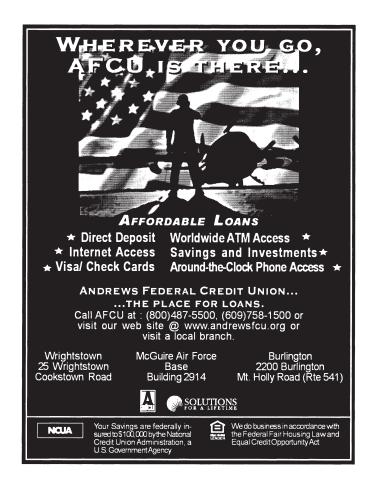
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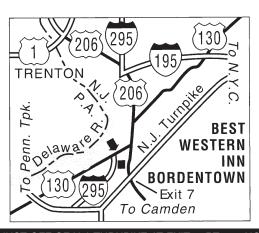
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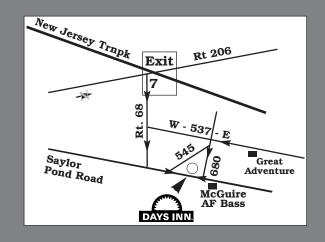


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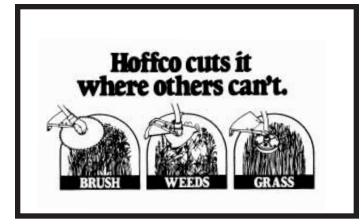
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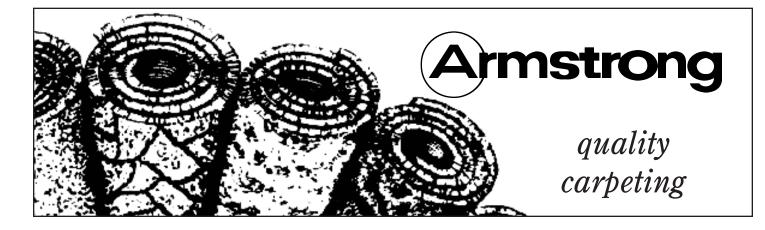


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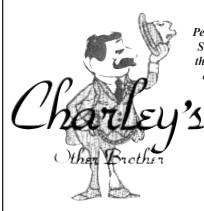
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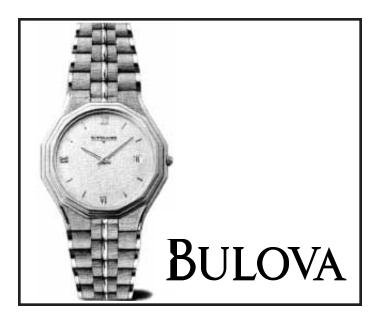
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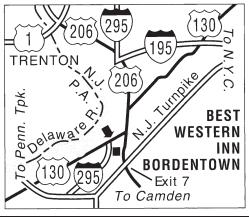


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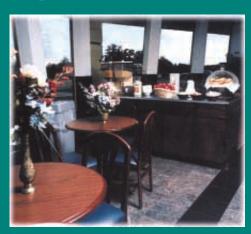
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